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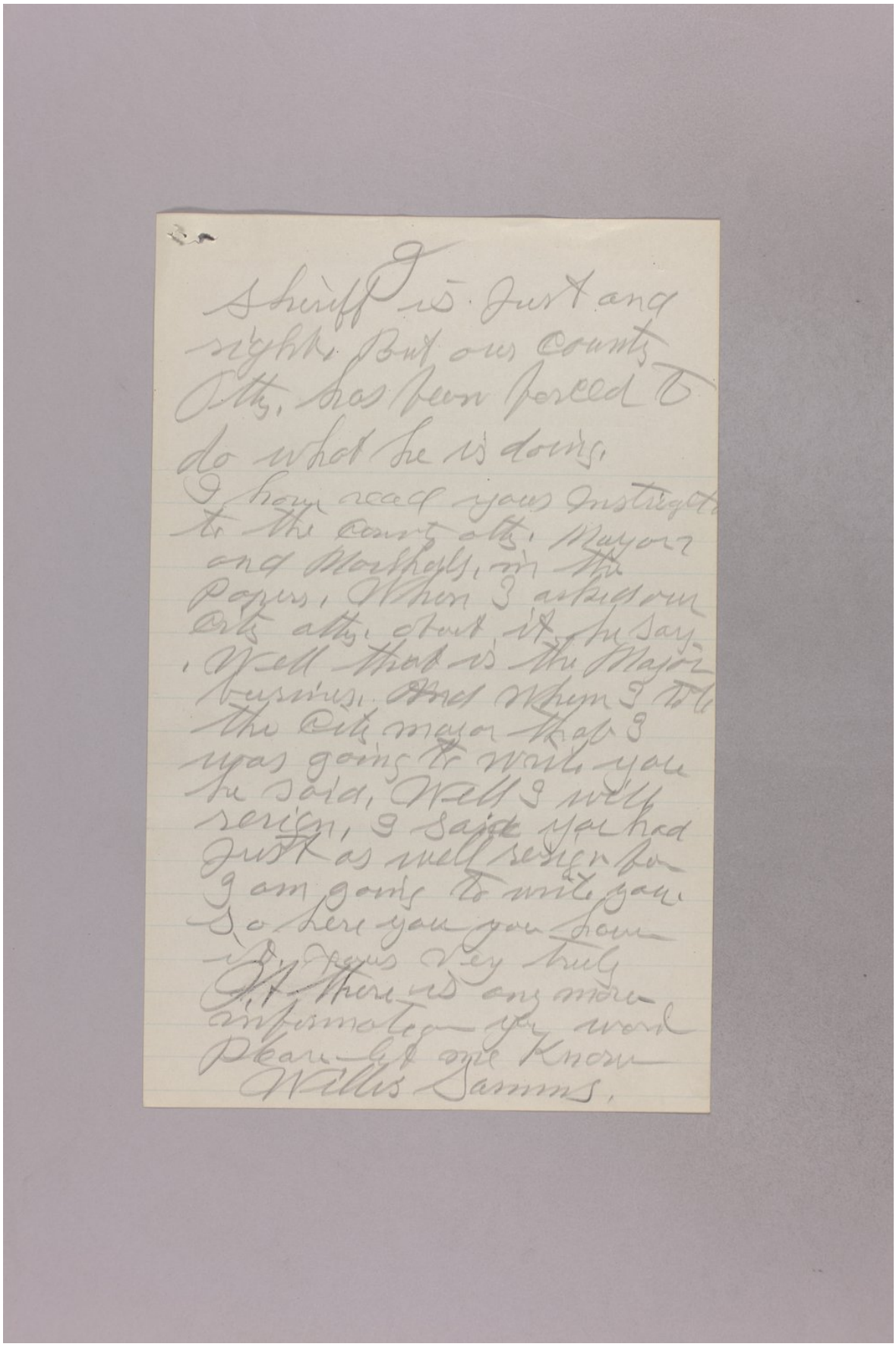
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Sheriff is. Just and right. But our County Atty. has been forced to do what he is doing.
I have read your instruction to the County Atty, Mayor and Marshals, in the papers. When I asked our City Atty. about it, he say, Well that is the Mayor business. And when I told the City mayor that I was going to write you he said, Well I will resign, I said you had just as well resign for I am going to write you. So here you have it.
Yours Very truly
If there is any more information you want please let me know
Willis Samms.

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July 2, 1929

Mrs. Mamie Gustafson,
1423 West Daugherty,
Webb City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

There is no way to get pay for the crops and property destroyed that belonged to your grandfather except through act of the legislature.

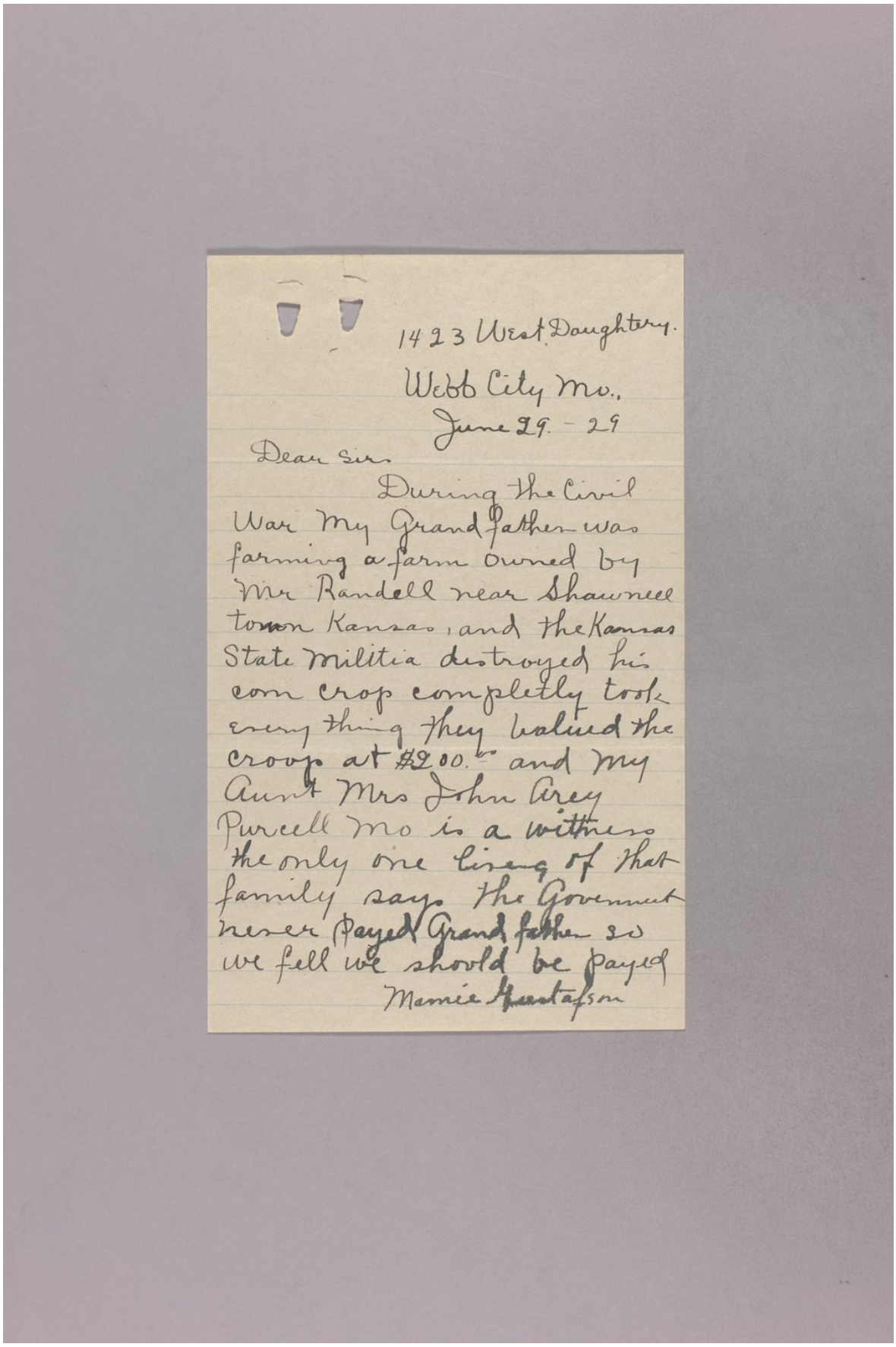
If it could be shown to the legislature that your father was loyal to the State of Kansas and loyal to the union at the time his crops were destroyed, it is likely that the legislature would reimburse you, but if he was not loyal to the State of Kansas and the union, there is no possible chance of getting the legislature to take favorable action in this case.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

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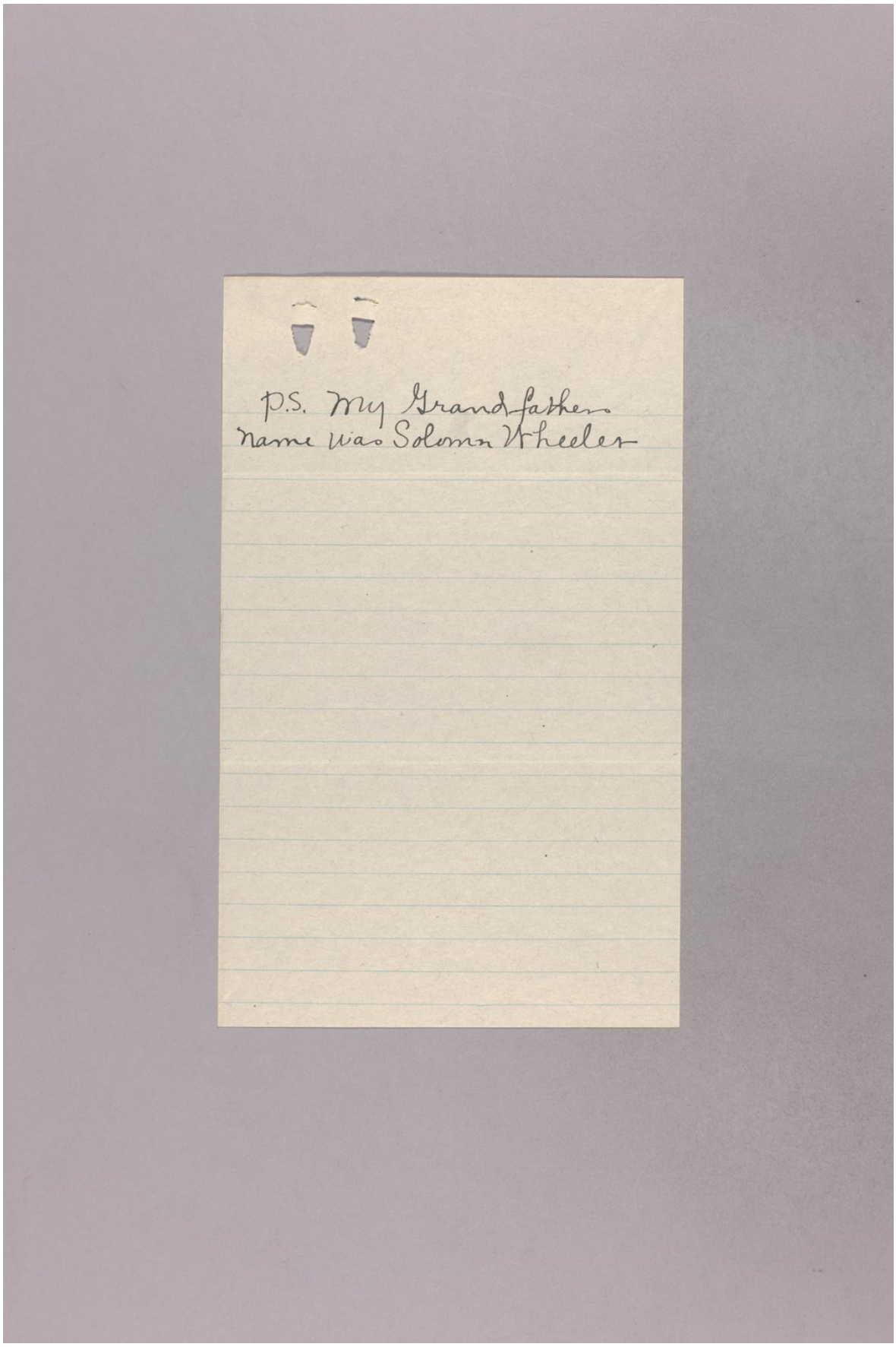
1423 West Daughtery.
Webb City Mo.,
June 29 - 29

Dear Sir.

During the Civil War My Grand Father was farming a farm owned by Mr Randell near Shawneee town Kansas, and the Kansas State Militia destroyed his corn crop completly took every thing they valued the croop at $200.00 and my Aunt Mrs John Airey Purcell Mo is a witness the only one living of that family says the Govenment never Payed Grand father so we fell we should be payed

Mamie Huntafson

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P.S. My Grandfathers
name was Solomon Wheeler

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June 28, 1929

Mrs. D. S. Good,
Route 1,
Wathena, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date written to Governor Reed has been referred to me for answer.

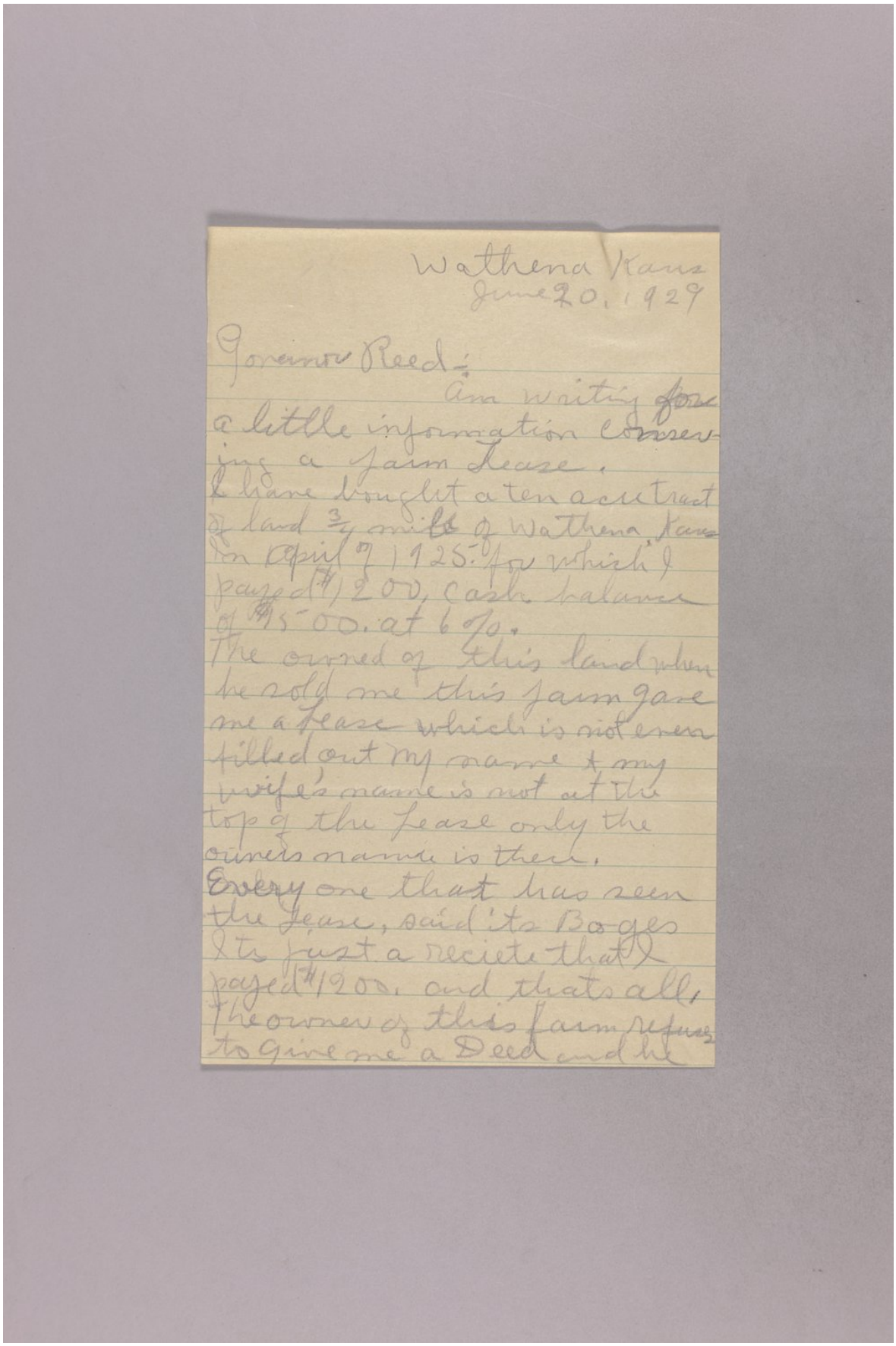
Governor Reed is not a lawyer and therefore is not in position to advice you as to your rights under your contract and lease. You should consult some good local attorney of your county in regard to your rights. I am sure you can get an attorney there who will advise you as to your rights and who will protect you. The attorney in Missouri would not be as competent to advise you as some attorney in the state of Kansas.

This party's contention that it costs about $50 to make a deed is without any basis in fact. I would be glad to prepare the deed for him and not charge him one cent. It would cost twenty-five cents to have the deed registered after it is made out, so the fee of $50 can be reduced to twenty-five cents.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

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Wathena Kans
June 20, 1929

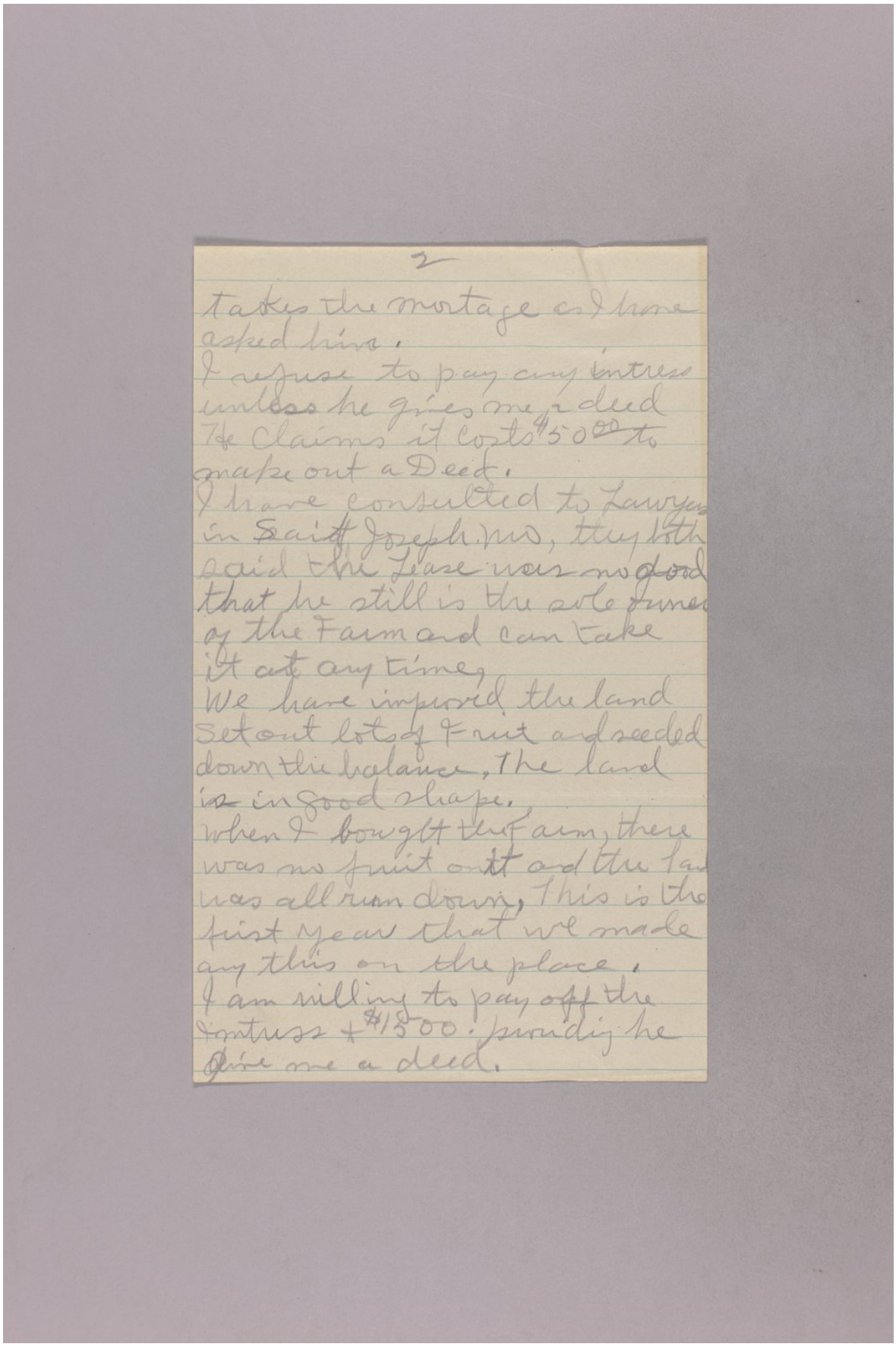
Governor Reed:

Am writing for a little information concerning a farm lease.

I have bought a ten acre tract of land 3/4 mile of Wathena Kans on April 9 1925. for which I payed $1200, cash balance of $5-00. at 6%.

The owned of this land when he sold me this farm gave me a lease which is not even filled out my name & my wife's name is not at the top of the lease only the owners name is there.

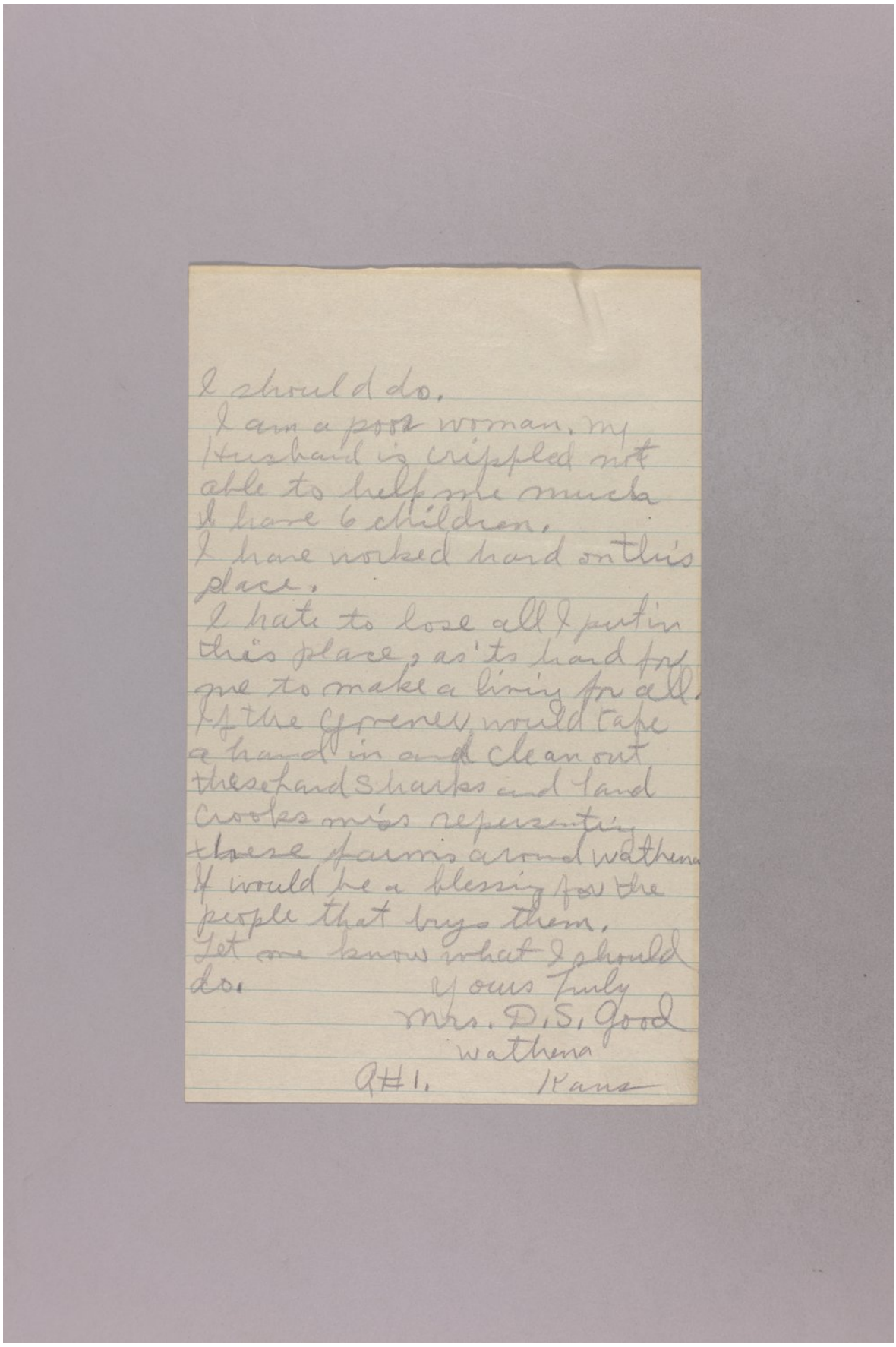
Every one that has seen the lease, said its Bogus & its just a reciete that I payed $1200. and thats all. The owner of this farm refuses to give me a Deed and he



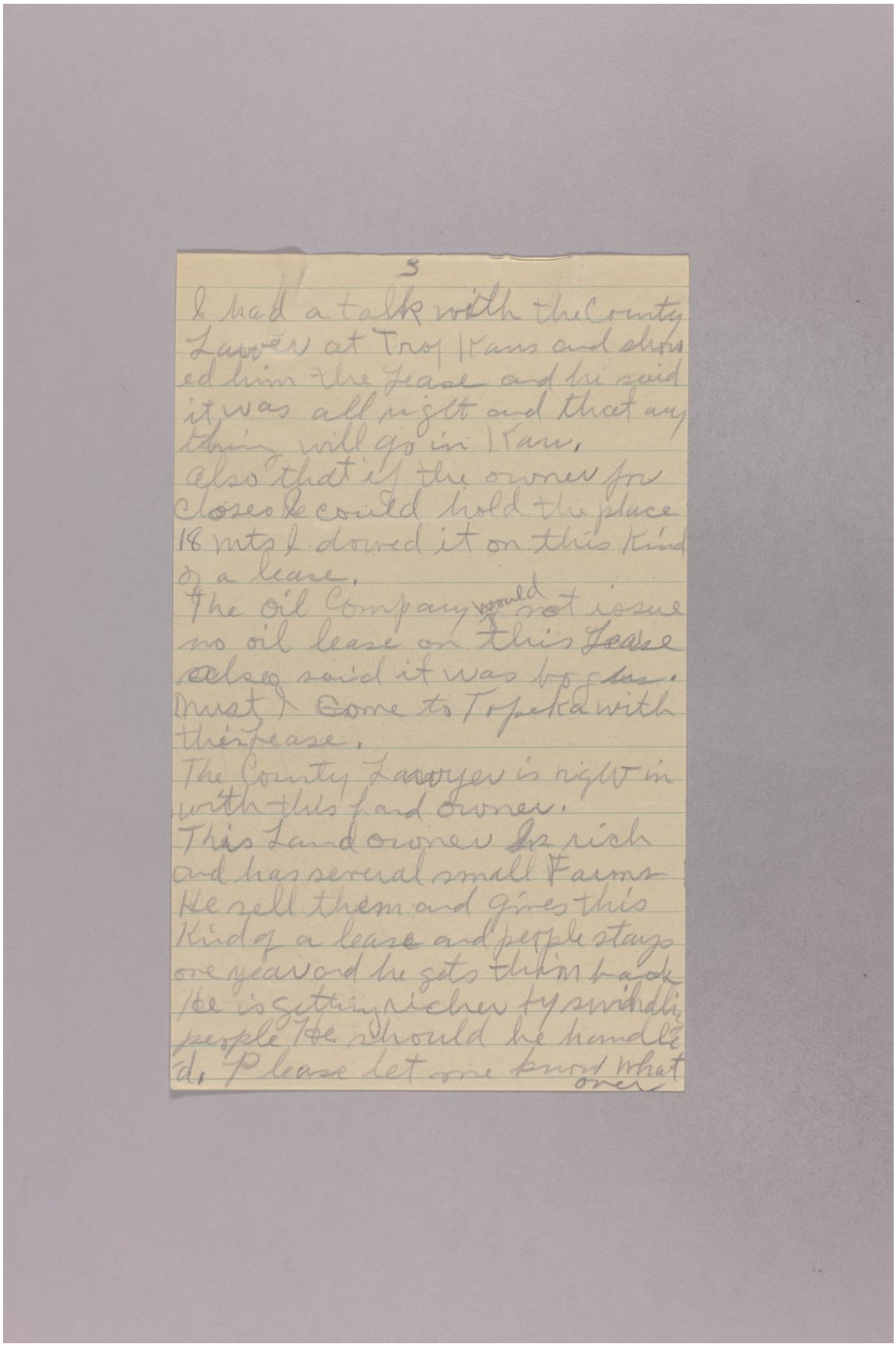
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takes the mortage as I have asked him.
I refuse to pay any intress unless he gives me a deed He claims it costs $50.00 to make out a Deed.
I have consulted to Lawyers in Saint Joseph Mo, they both said the Lease was no good that he still is the sole owner of the Farm and can take it at any time.
We have improved the land Set out lots of Fruit and seeded down the balance, The land is in good shape.
when I bought the Farm, there was no fruit on it and the land was all run down, This is the first year that we made any this on the place.
I am willing to pay off the Intress + $1500. providig he give me a deed.

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I should do.
I am a poor woman. My
Husband is crippled not
able to help me much
I have 6 children.
I have worked hard on this
place.
I hate to lose all I put in
this place, as it is hard for
me to make a living for all.
If the Governor would take
a hand in and clean out
these land sharks and land
crooks mis representing
these farms around Wathena
It would be a blessing for the
people that buys them.
Let me know what I should
do.
Yours Truly
Mrs. D. S. Good
Wathena
RH1. Kans



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I had a talk with the County Lawyer at Troy Kans and showed him the lease and he said it was all right and that any thing will go in Kans. also that if the owner foreclosed he could hold the place 18 mts I dowed it on this kind of a lease.

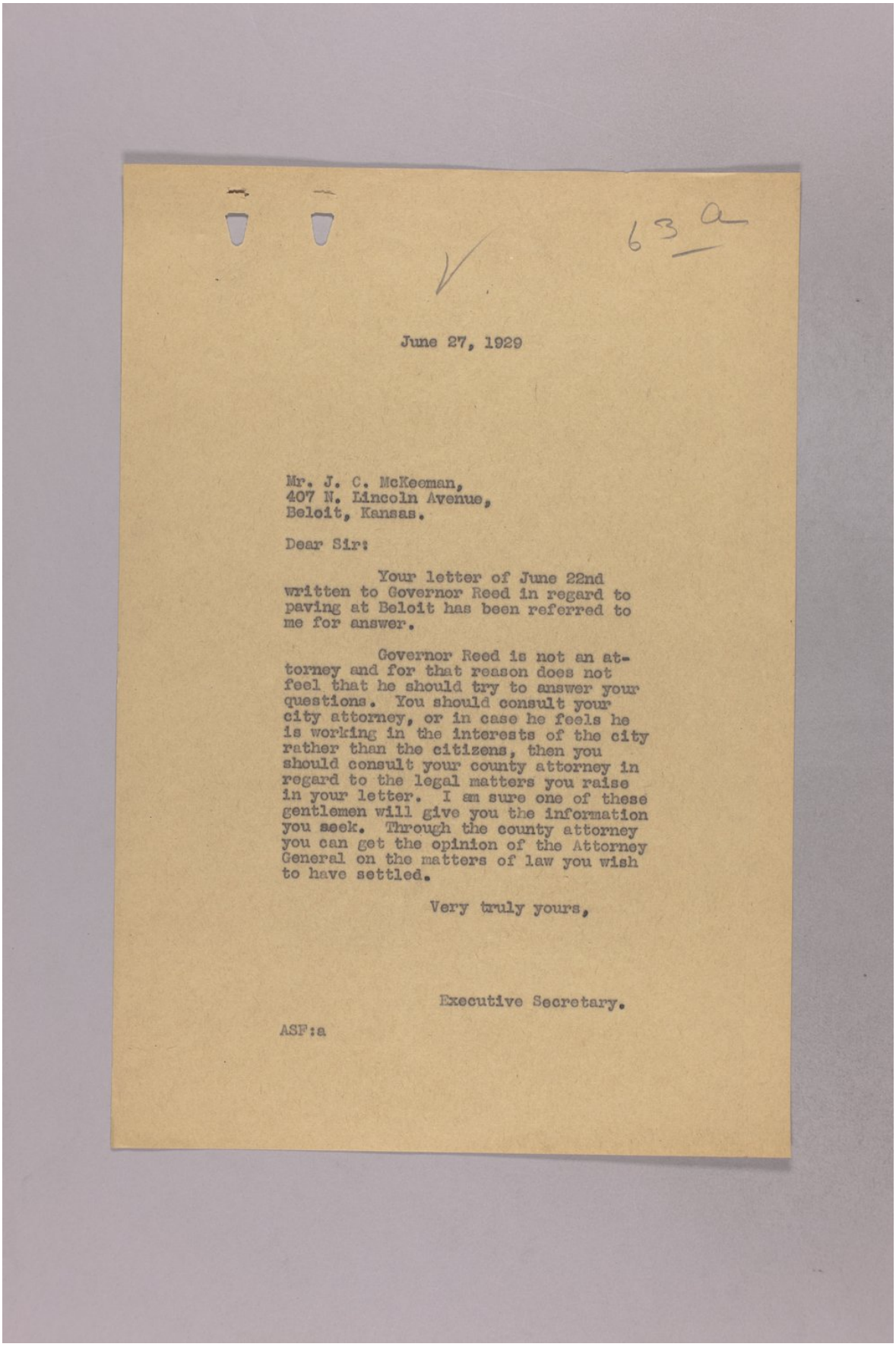
The Oil Company would not issue no oil lease on this lease also said it was by law. must I come to Topeka with this lease.

The County Lawyer is right in with this land owner.

This land owner is rich and has several small Farms He sell them and gives this kind of a lease and people stays one year and he gets them back He is getting richer by swindling people He should be handled. Please let me know what

owner

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June 27, 1929

Mr. J. C. McKeeman,
407 N. Lincoln Avenue,
Beloit, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 22nd written to Governor Reed in regard to paving at Beloit has been referred to me for answer.

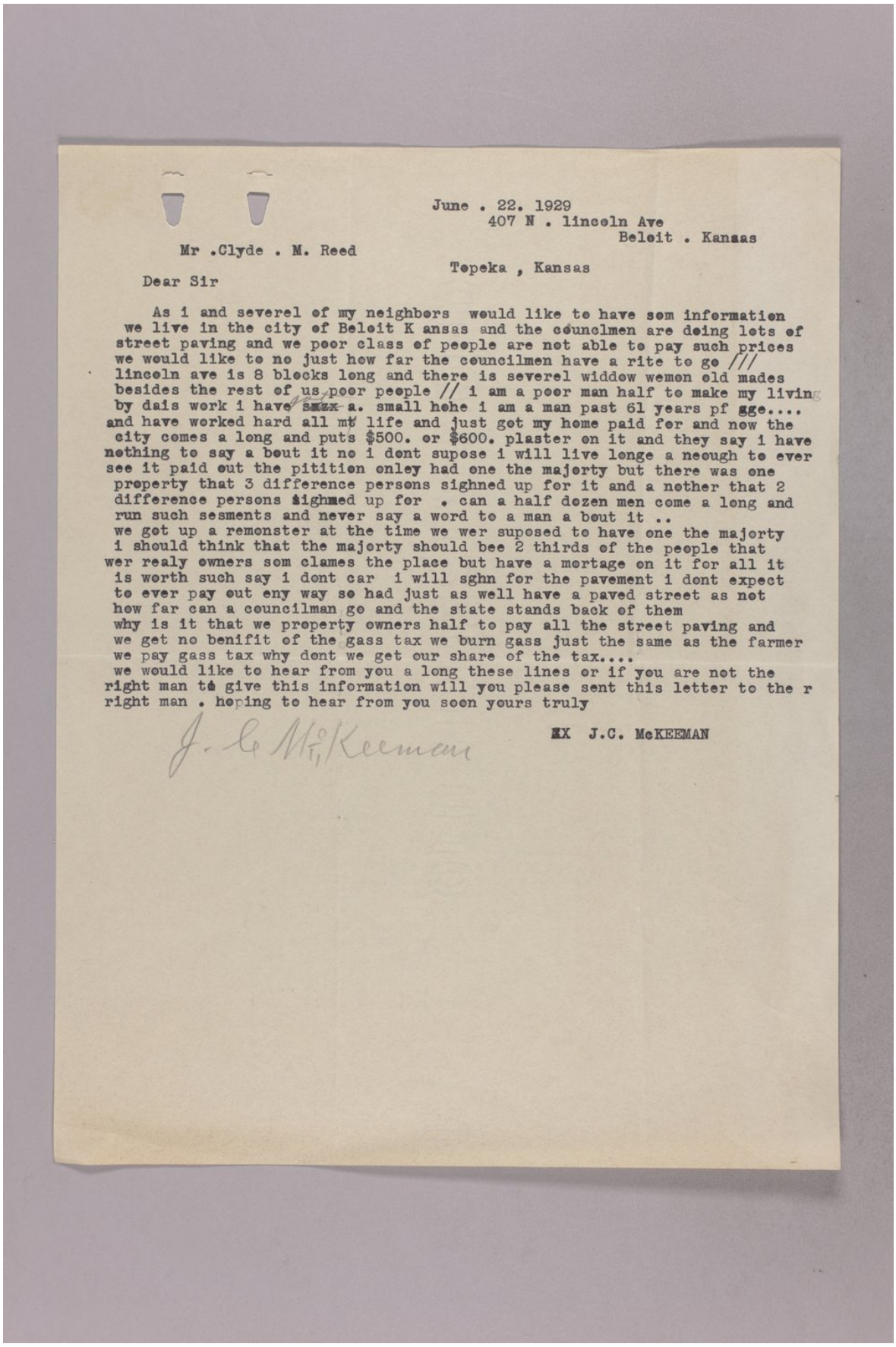
Governor Reed is not an attorney and for that reason does not feel that he should try to answer your questions. You should consult your city attorney, or in case he feels he is working in the interests of the city rather than the citizens, then you should consult your county attorney in regard to the legal matters you raise in your letter. I am sure one of these gentlemen will give you the information you seek. Through the county attorney you can get the opinion of the Attorney General on the matters of law you wish to have settled.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

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June . 22. 1929
407 N . lincoln Ave
Beloit . Kanaas

Mr .Clyde . M. Reed

Topeka , Kansas

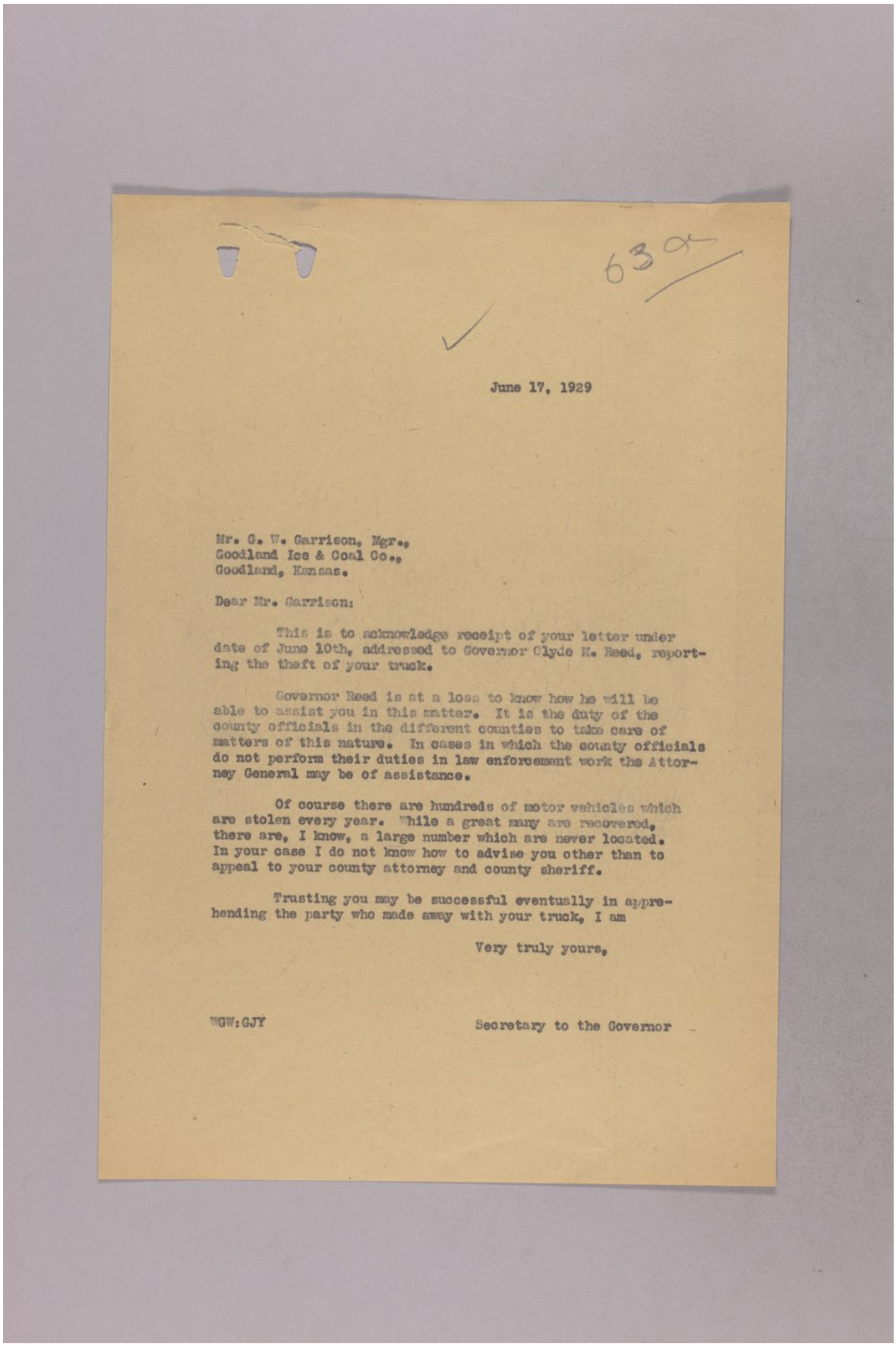
Dear Sir

As i and severel of my neighbors would like to have som information we live in the city of Beloit K ansas and the counclmen are doing lots of street paving and we poor class of people are not able to pay such prices we would like to no just how far the councilmen have a rite to go /// lincoln ave is 8 blocks long and there is severel widdow wemon old mades besides the rest of us poor people // i am a poor man half to make my livin by dais work i have ~~sxzx~~ a. small hohe i am a man past 61 years pf gge.... and have worked hard all my life and just got my home paid for and now the city comes a long and puts $500. or $600. plaster on it and they say i have nothing to say a bout it no i dont supose i will live longe a neough to ever see it paid out the pitition onley had one the majorty but there was one property that 3 difference persons sighned up for it and a nother that 2 difference persons sighmed up for . can a half dozen men come a long and run such sesments and never say a word to a man a bout it ..
we got up a remonster at the time we wer suposed to have one the majorty i should think that the majorty should bee 2 thirds of the people that wer realy owners som clames the place but have a mortage on it for all it is worth such say i dont car i will sghn for the pavement i dont expect to ever pay out eny way so had just as well have a paved street as not how far can a councilman go and the state stands back of them
why is it that we property owners half to pay all the street paving and we get no benifit of the gass tax we burn gass just the same as the farmer we pay gass tax why dont we get our share of the tax....
we would like to hear from you a long these lines or if you are not the right man to give this information will you please sent this letter to the r right man . hoping to hear from you soon yours truly

J. C. McKeeman

EX J.C. McKEEMAN

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June 17, 1929

Mr. G. W. Garrison, Mgr.,
Goodland Ice & Coal Co.,
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Garrison:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of June 10th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, reporting the theft of your truck.

Governor Reed is at a loss to know how he will be able to assist you in this matter. It is the duty of the county officials in the different counties to take care of matters of this nature. In cases in which the county officials do not perform their duties in law enforcement work the Attorney General may be of assistance.

Of course there are hundreds of motor vehicles which are stolen every year. While a great many are recovered, there are, I know, a large number which are never located. In your case I do not know how to advise you other than to appeal to your county attorney and county sheriff.

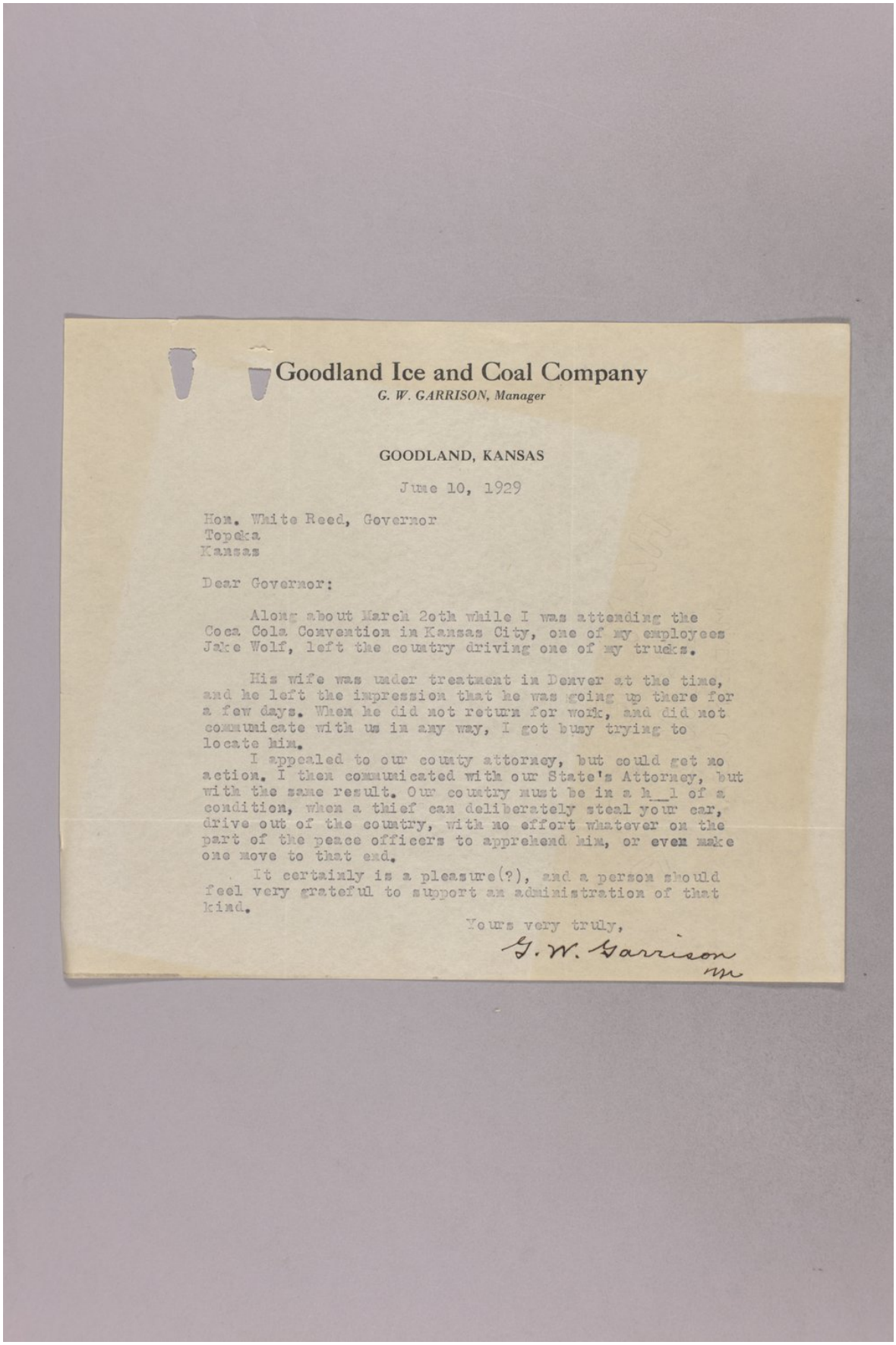
Trusting you may be successful eventually in apprehending the party who made away with your truck, I am

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

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Goodland Ice and Coal Company
G. W. GARRISON, Manager

GOODLAND, KANSAS

June 10, 1929

Hon. White Reed, Governor
Topeka
Kansas

Dear Governor:

Along about March 20th while I was attending the Coca Cola Convention in Kansas City, one of my employees Jake Wolf, left the country driving one of my trucks.

His wife was under treatment in Denver at the time, and he left the impression that he was going up there for a few days. When he did not return for work, and did not communicate with us in any way, I got busy trying to locate him.

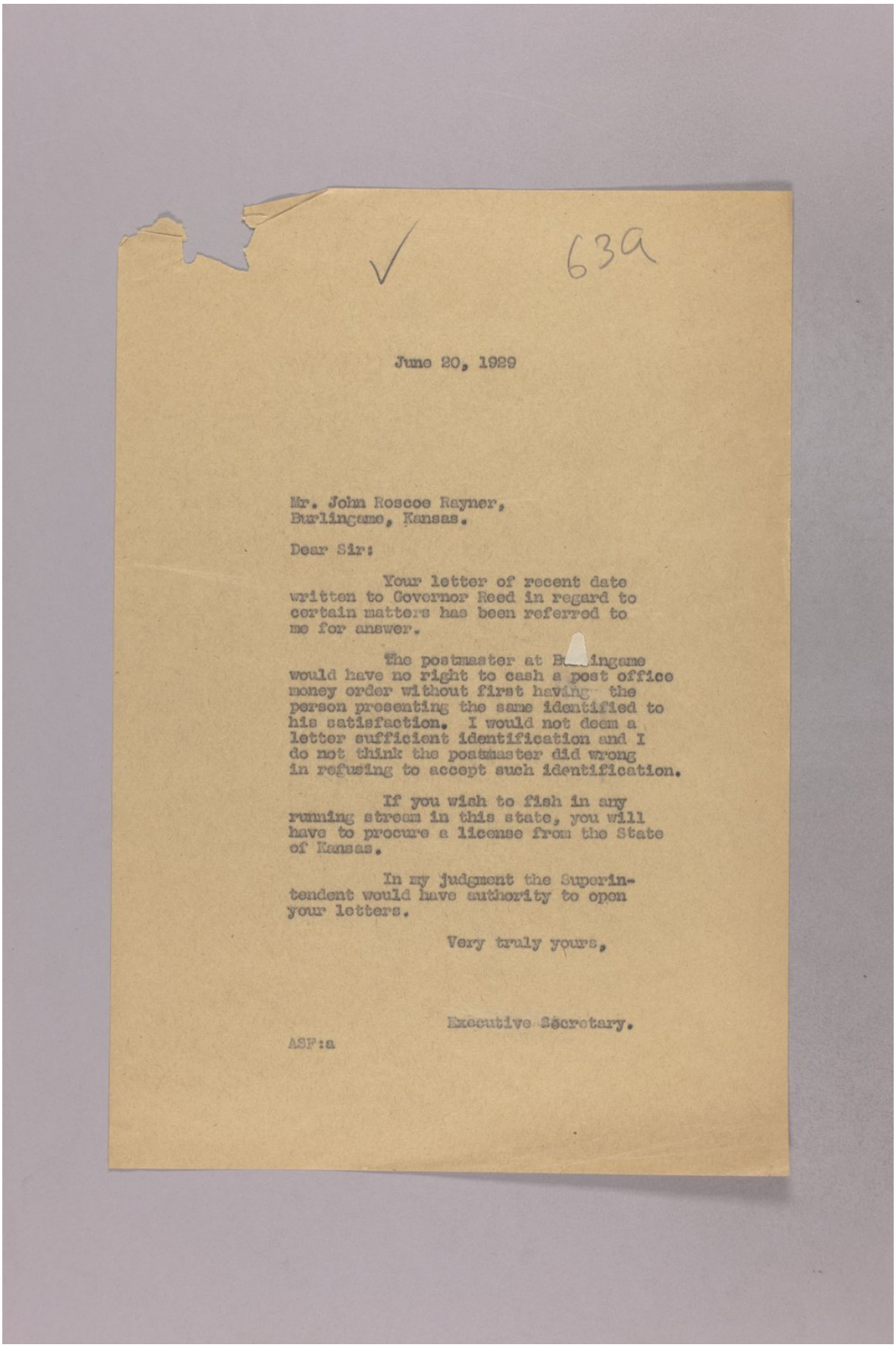
I appealed to our county attorney, but could get no action. I then communicated with our State's Attorney, but with the same result. Our country must be in a h__l of a condition, when a thief can deliberately steal your car, drive out of the country, with no effort whatever on the part of the peace officers to apprehend him, or even make one move to that end.

It certainly is a pleasure(?), and a person should feel very grateful to support an administration of that kind.

Yours very truly,

G. W. Garrison

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June 20, 1929

Mr. John Roscoe Rayner,
Burlingame, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date written to Governor Reed in regard to certain matters has been referred to me for answer.

The postmaster at Burlingame would have no right to cash a post office money order without first having the person presenting the same identified to his satisfaction. I would not deem a letter sufficient identification and I do not think the postmaster did wrong in refusing to accept such identification.

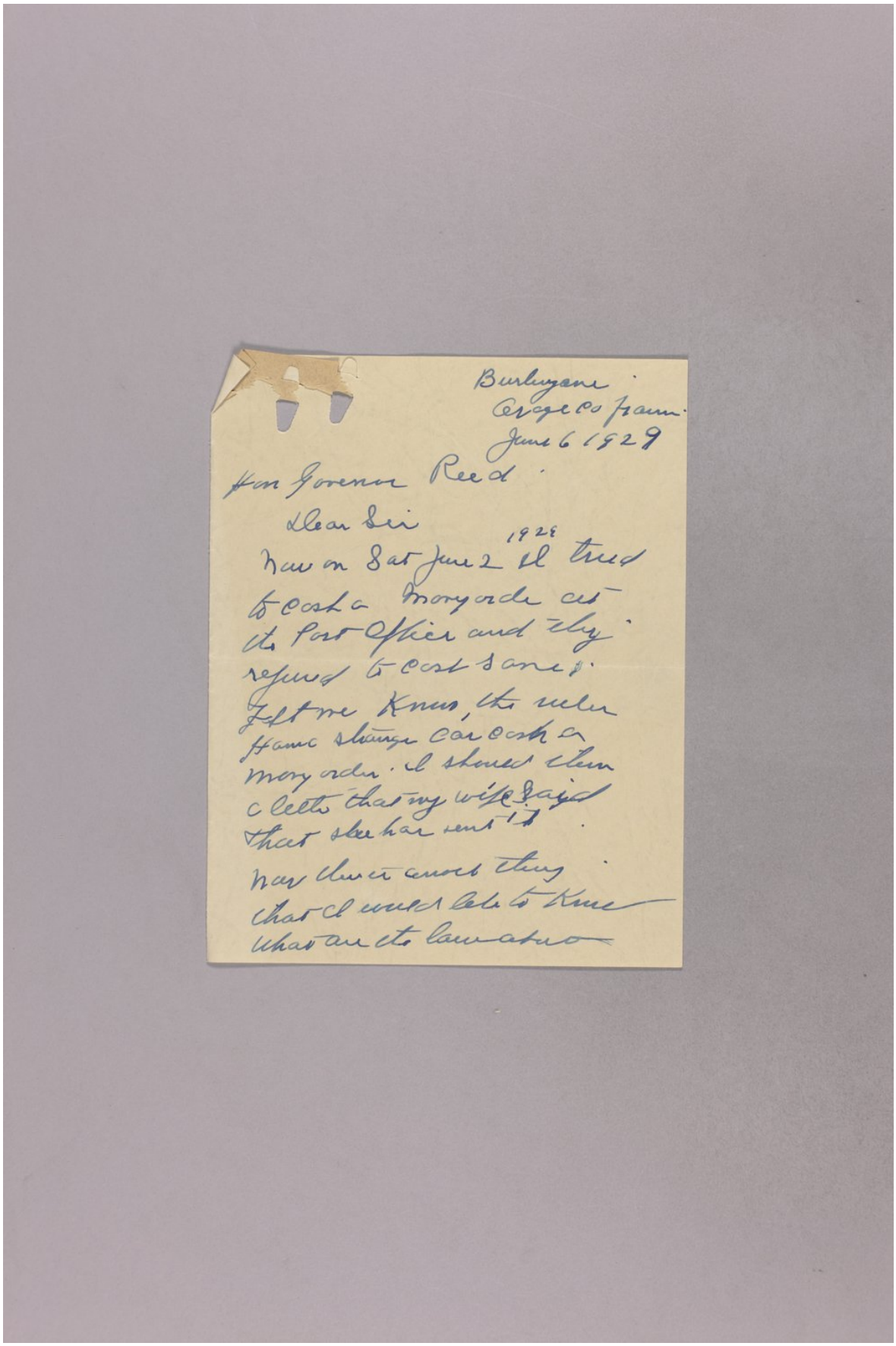
If you wish to fish in any running stream in this state, you will have to procure a license from the State of Kansas.

In my judgment the Superintendent would have authority to open your letters.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

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Burlingame
Osage Co Kans.
June 6 1929

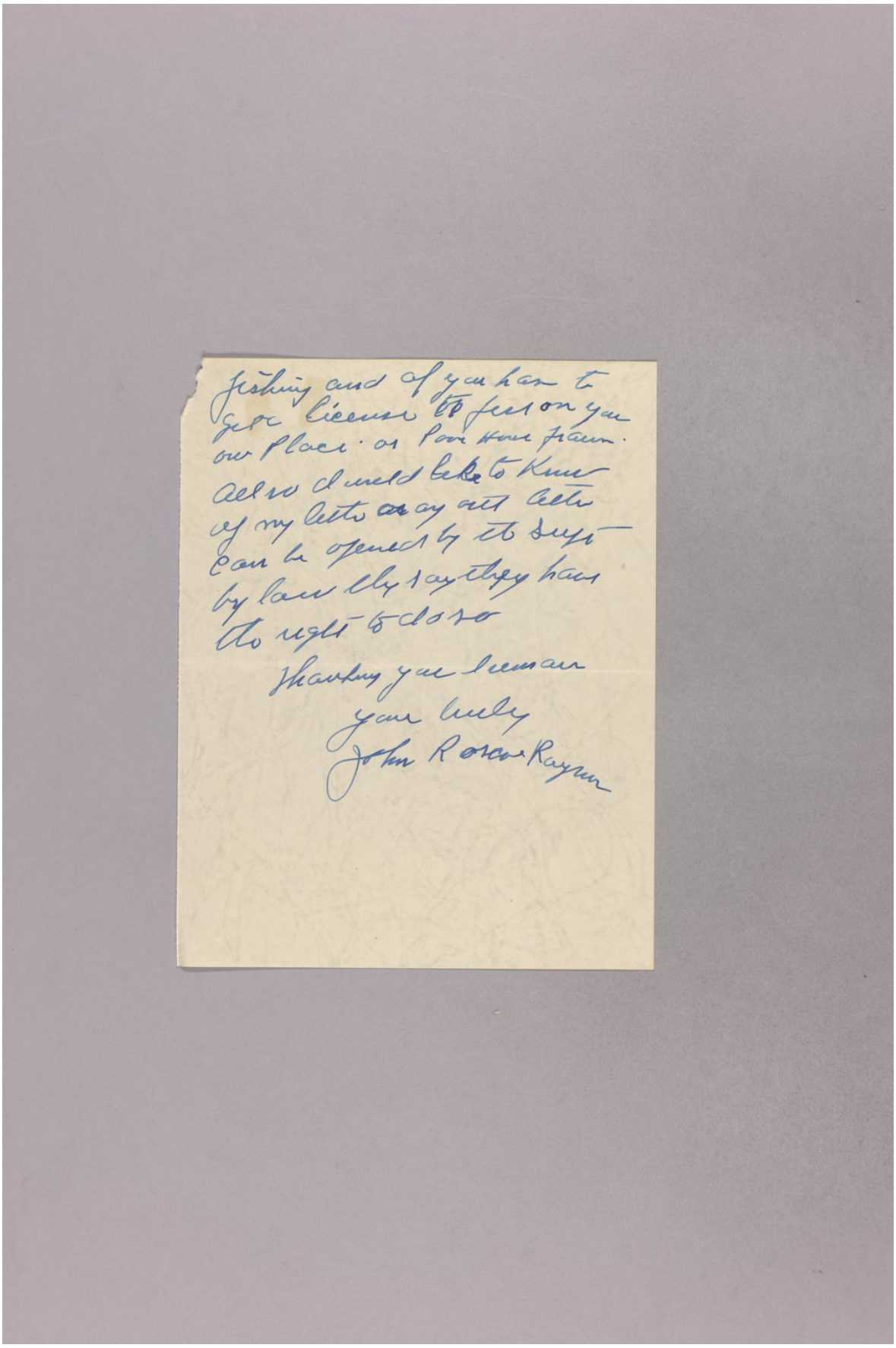
Hon Governor Reed.

Dear Sir

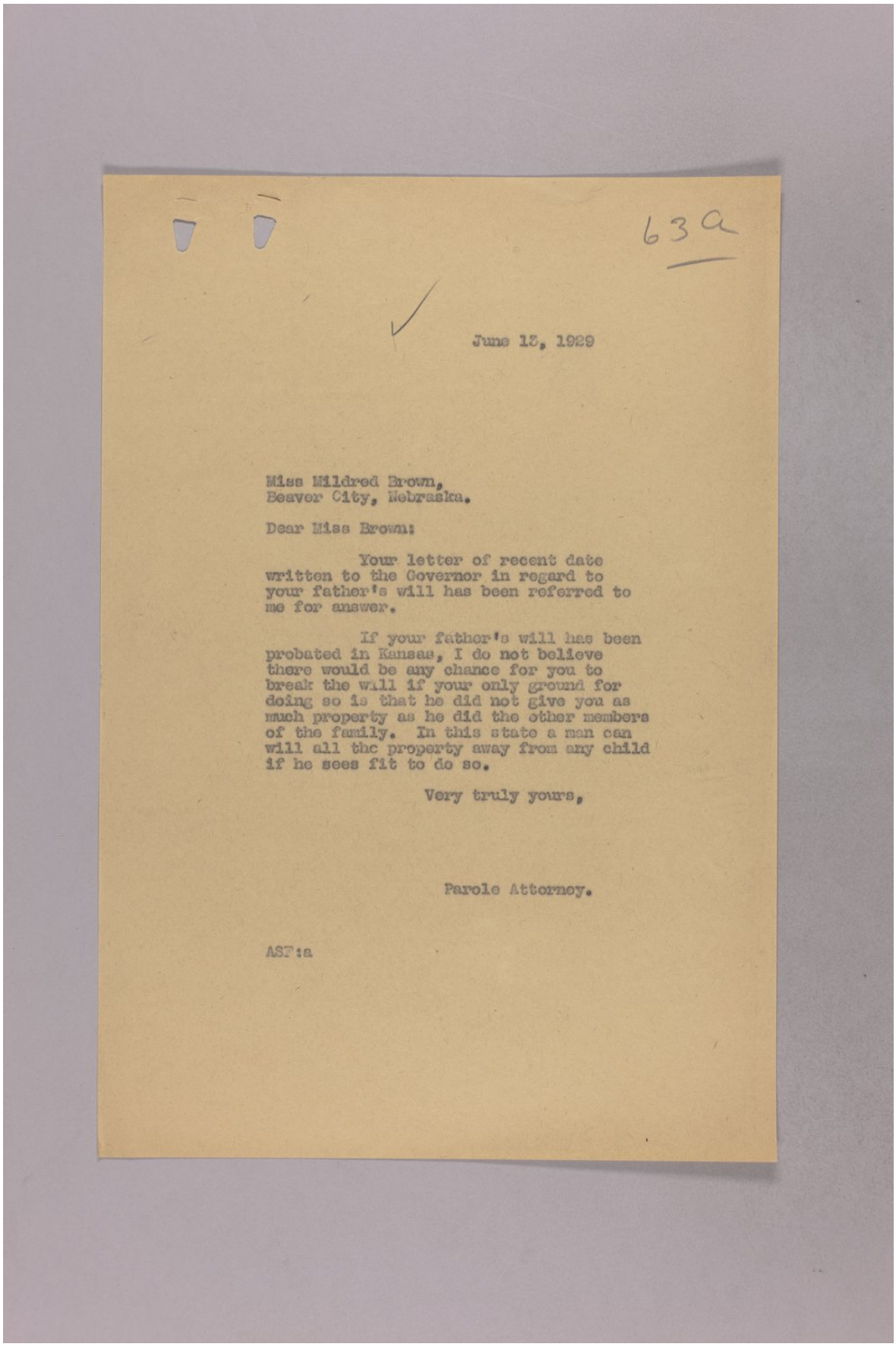
Saw on Sat June 2 1928 I tried to cash a money order at the Post Office and they refused to cash same. Let me know, the next time I have change can I cash a money order. I showed them checks that my wife had said that she had sent it.

May I ask one thing that I would like to know what are the law at

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fishing and of you have to
get license to fish on you
own place or how have
also would like to know
if my letter or any other letter
can be opened by the sup
by law they say they have
the right to do so
thanking you I remain
your truly
John Roscoe Rayner



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June 13, 1929

Miss Mildred Brown,
Beaver City, Nebraska.

Dear Miss Brown:

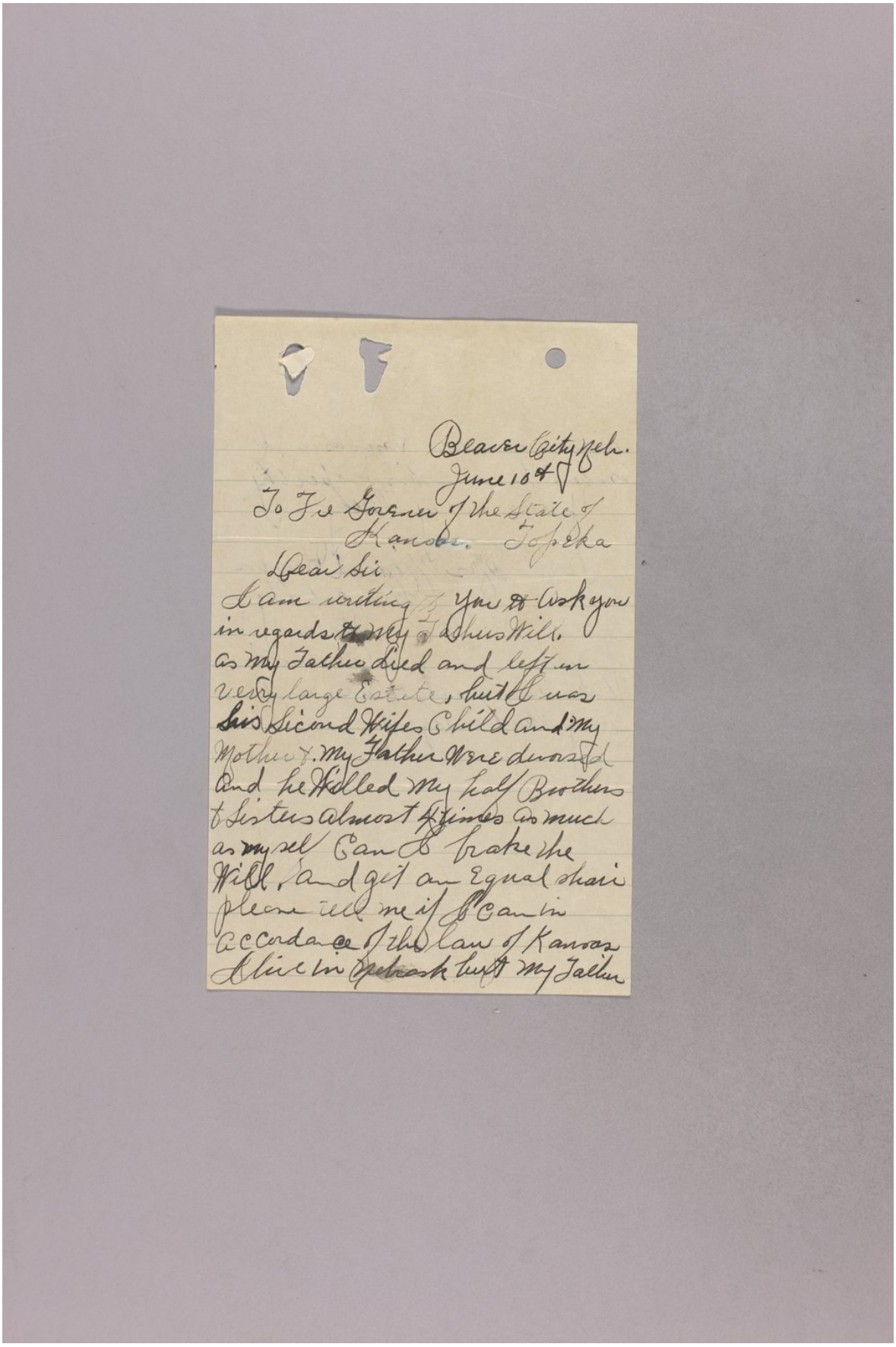
Your letter of recent date written to the Governor in regard to your father's will has been referred to me for answer.

If your father's will has been probated in Kansas, I do not believe there would be any chance for you to break the will if your only ground for doing so is that he did not give you as much property as he did the other members of the family. In this state a man can will all the property away from any child if he sees fit to do so.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

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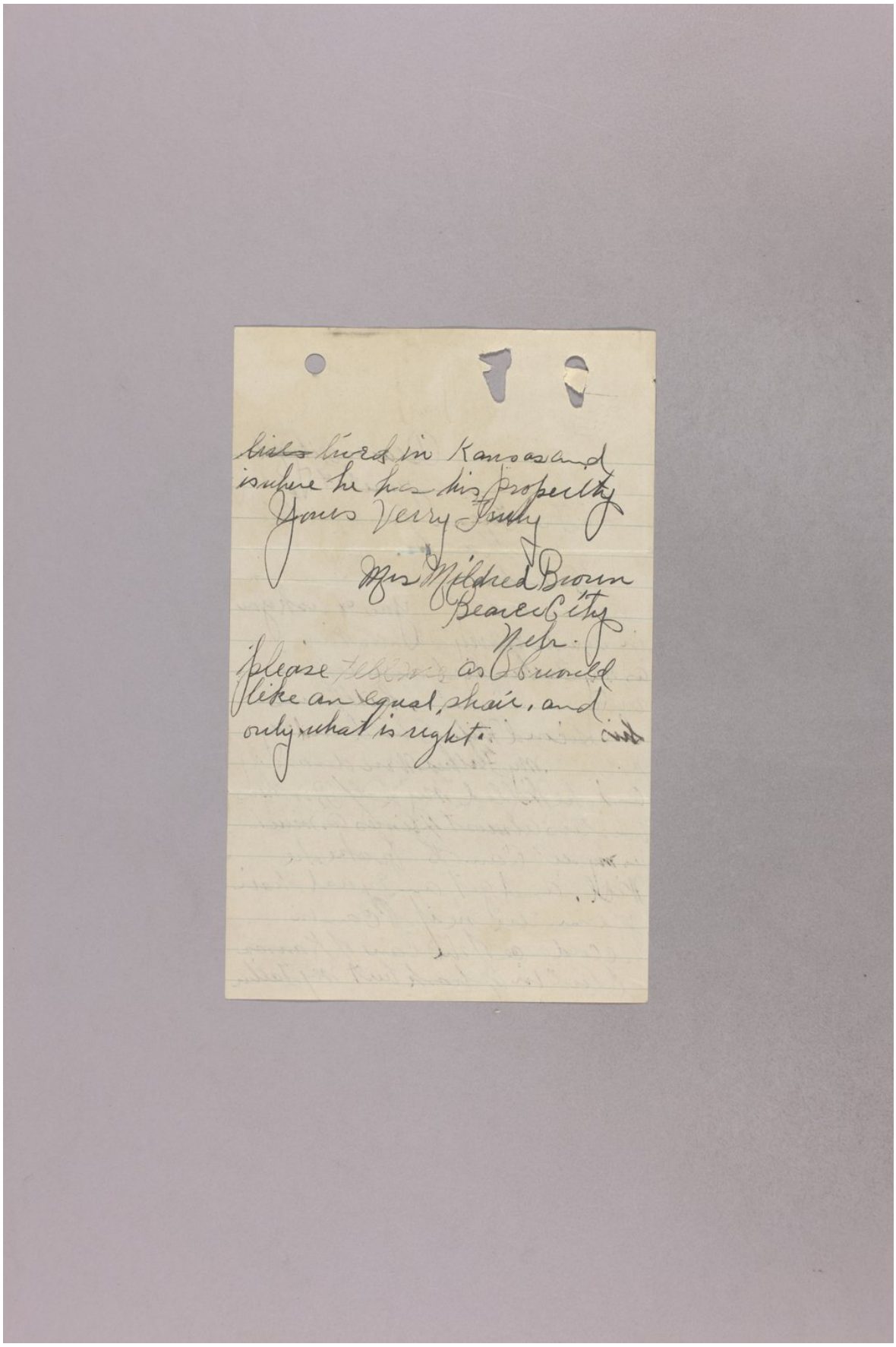
Beaver City Neb.
June 10th

To The Governor of the State of
Kansas. Topeka

Dear Sir

I am writing You to ask you
in regards to my Fathers Will.
as My Father died and left an
very large Estate, but I was
his Second Wifes Child and My
Mother & My Father were divorced
and he Willed My half Brothers
& Sisters almost 4 times as much
as myself Can I take the
Will, and get an Equal share
please tell me if I can in
accordance of the law of Kansas
I live in Nebraska but My Father

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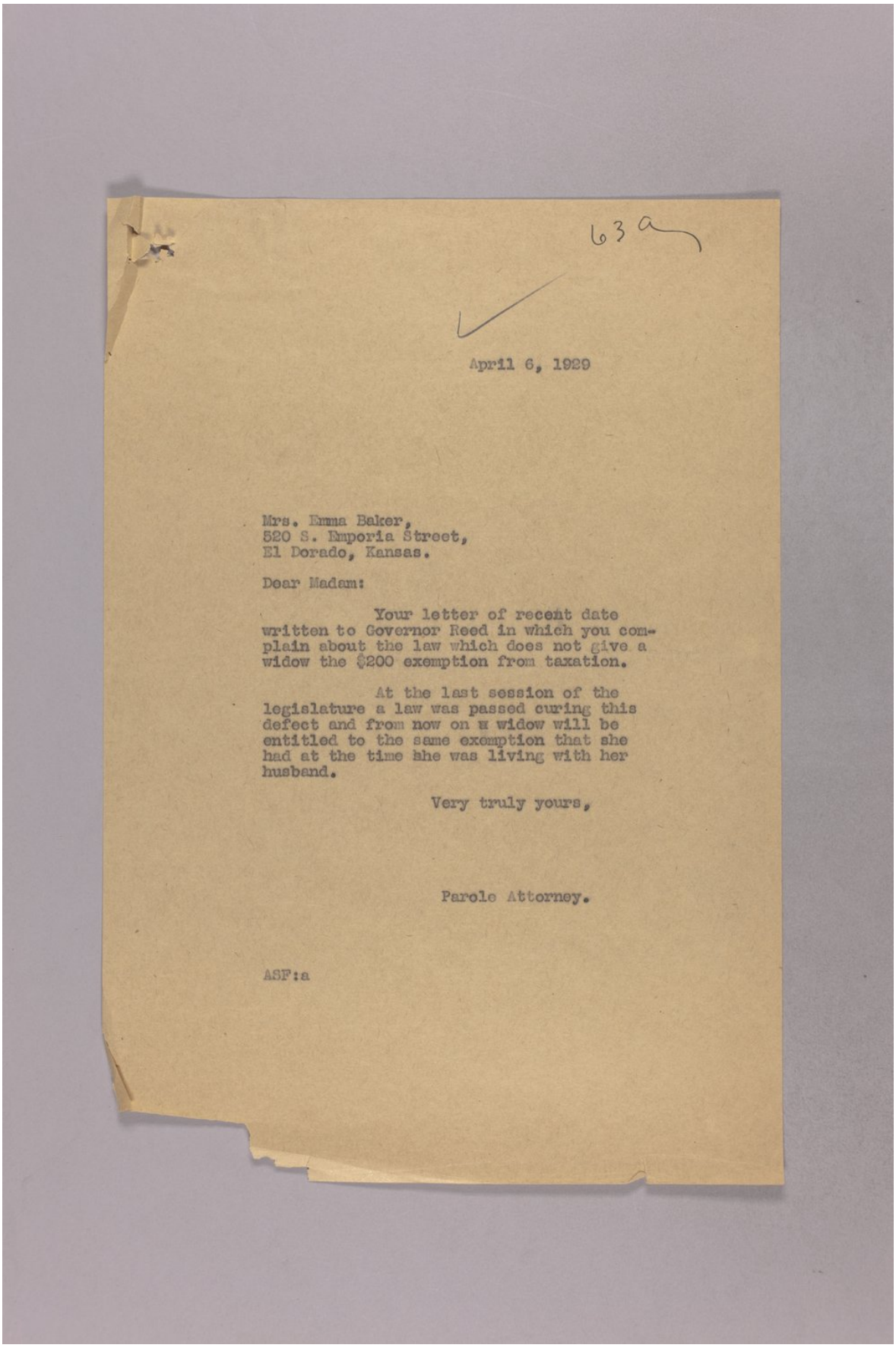


his lived in Kansas and
is sure he has his property
Yours Very Truly

Miss Mildred Brown
Beaver City
Neb.

please as I would
like an equal share, and
only what is right.

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April 6, 1929

Mrs. Emma Baker,
520 S. Emporia Street,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date written to Governor Reed in which you complain about the law which does not give a widow the $200 exemption from taxation.

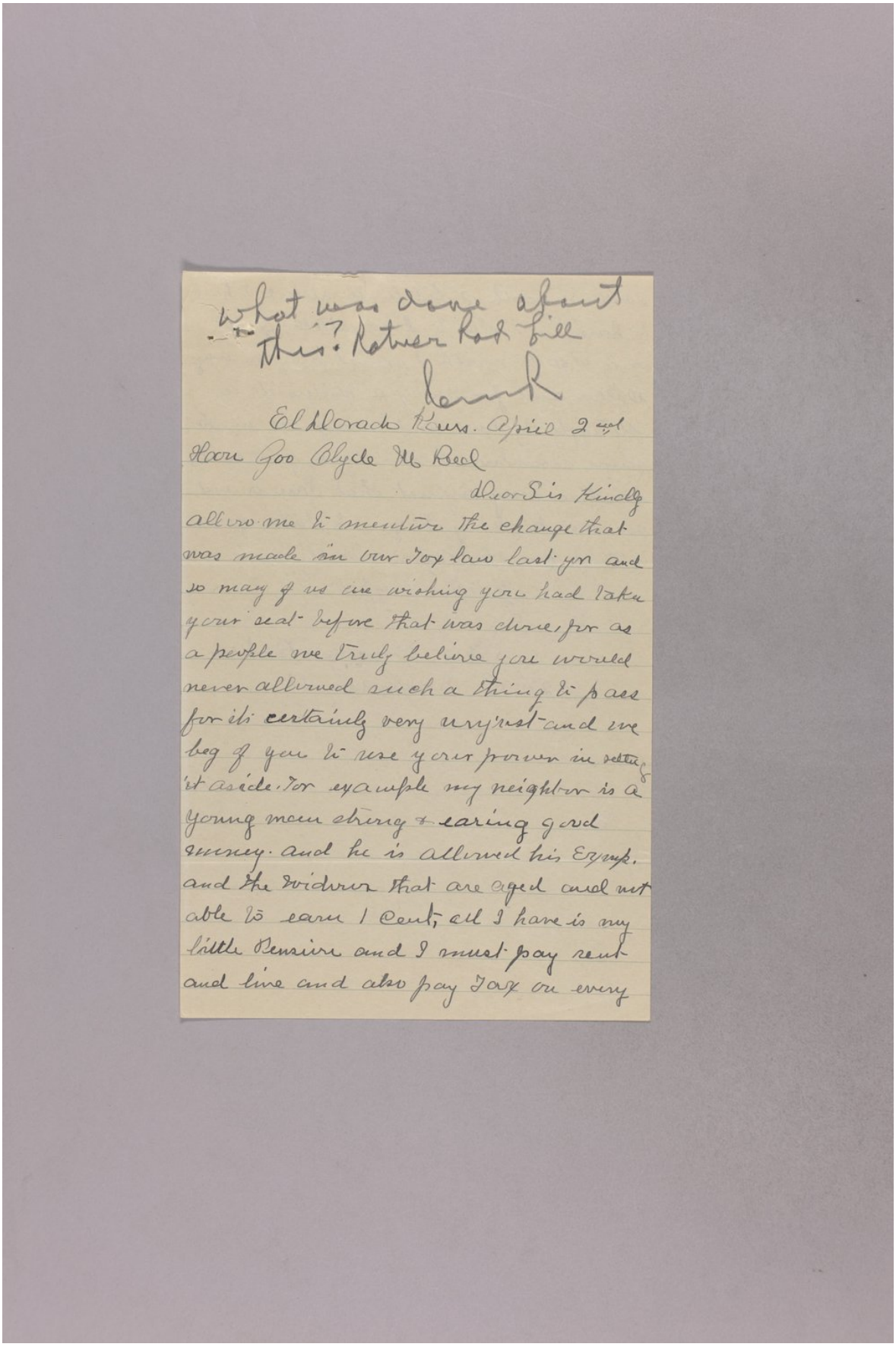
At the last session of the legislature a law was passed curing this defect and from now on a widow will be entitled to the same exemption that she had at the time she was living with her husband.

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

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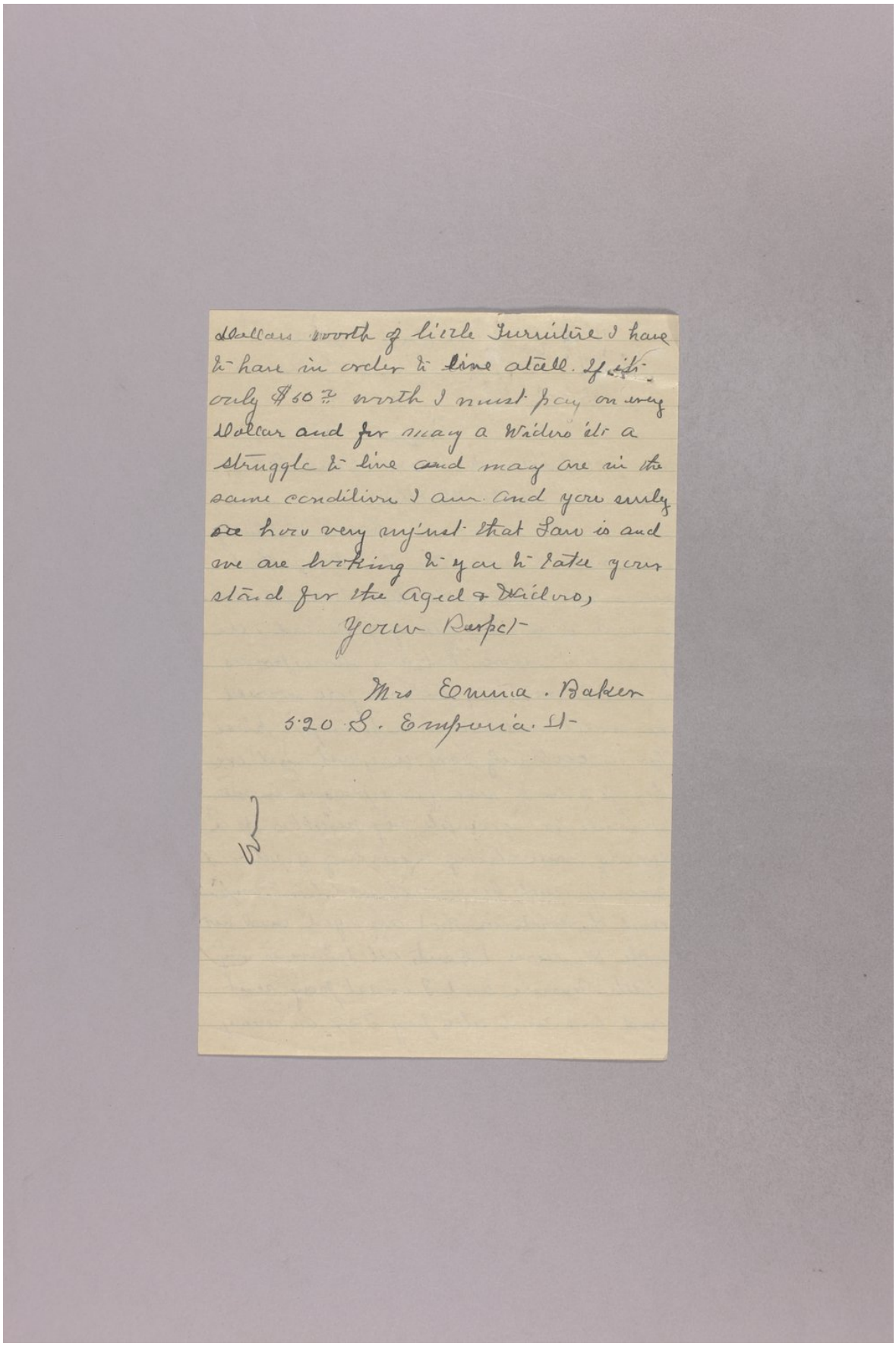
what was done about this? Rather Rot bill

Eldorado Kans. April 2nd

Hon Gov Clyde M Reed

Dear Sir kindly allow me to mention the change that was made in our Jury law last yr and so many of us are wishing you had take your seat before that was done, for as a people we truly believe you would never allowed such a thing to pass for it certainly very unjust and we beg of you to use your power in setting it aside. For example my neighbor is a young man strong & earing good money. and he is allowed his Exemp. and the widows that are aged and not able to earn 1 cent; all I have is my little Pension and I must pay rent and live and also pay Tax on every

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dollars worth of little furniture I have
to have in order to live at all. If it is
only $60 worth I must pay on my
dollar and for many a widow it's a
struggle to live and may are in the
same condition I am and you surly
see how very unjust that law is and
we are looking to you to take your
stand for the aged & widows,
Your Respt-

Mrs Emma. Baker
520 S. Emporia St-

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June 3, 1929

Mr. A. E. Bendiere,
R. R. 1,
Piedmont, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 25th written to Governor Reed in regard to the county officers kidnapping your daughter has been referred to me for answer.

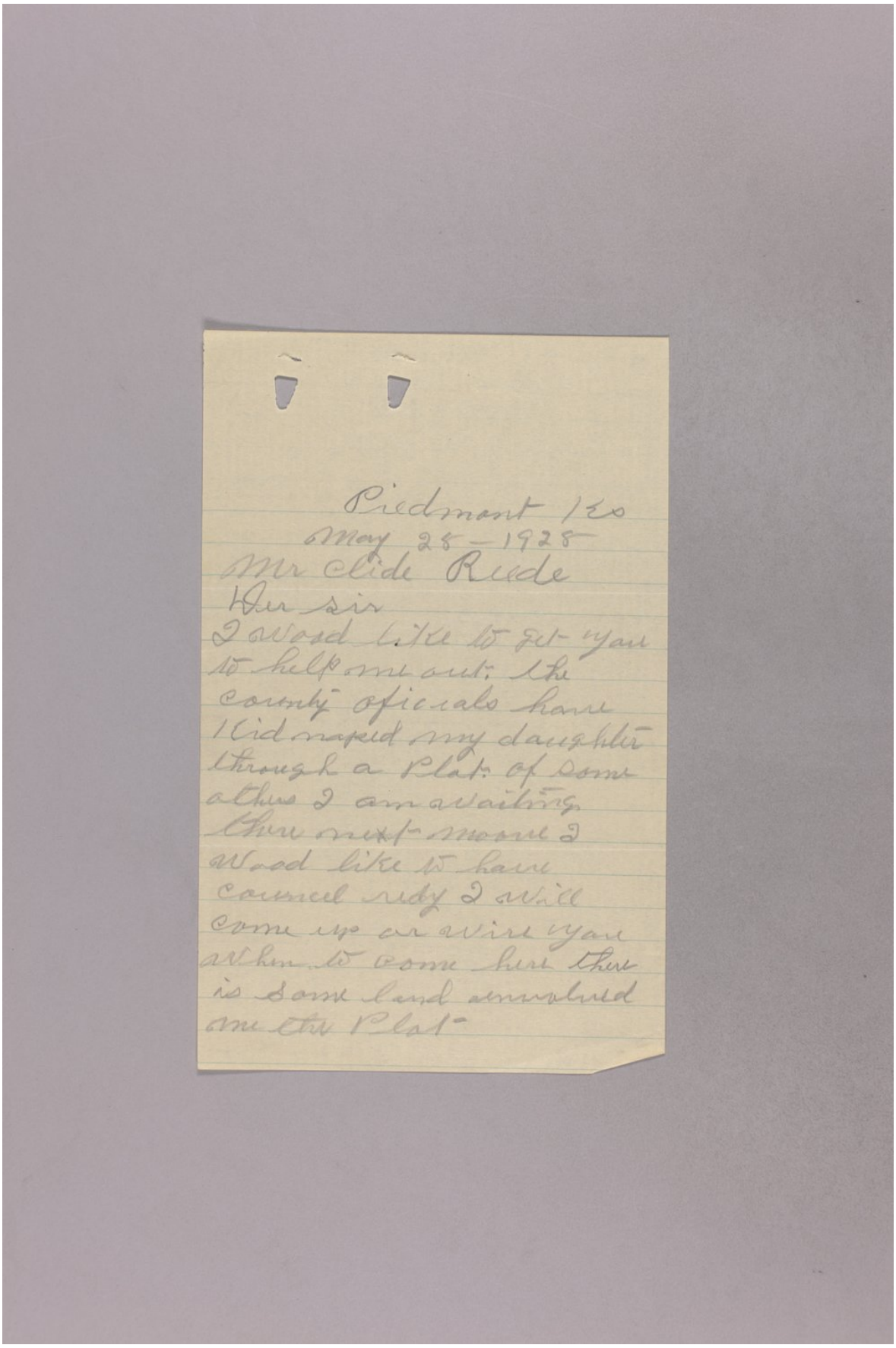
Your letter is not definite enough to be of any service to the Governor. The Governor is not practicing law at this time and would not be in position to help you in a legal way.

If you want to have anything done for your daughter take it up with the County Attorney and if he will not act, write to the Attorney Generals Office at Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

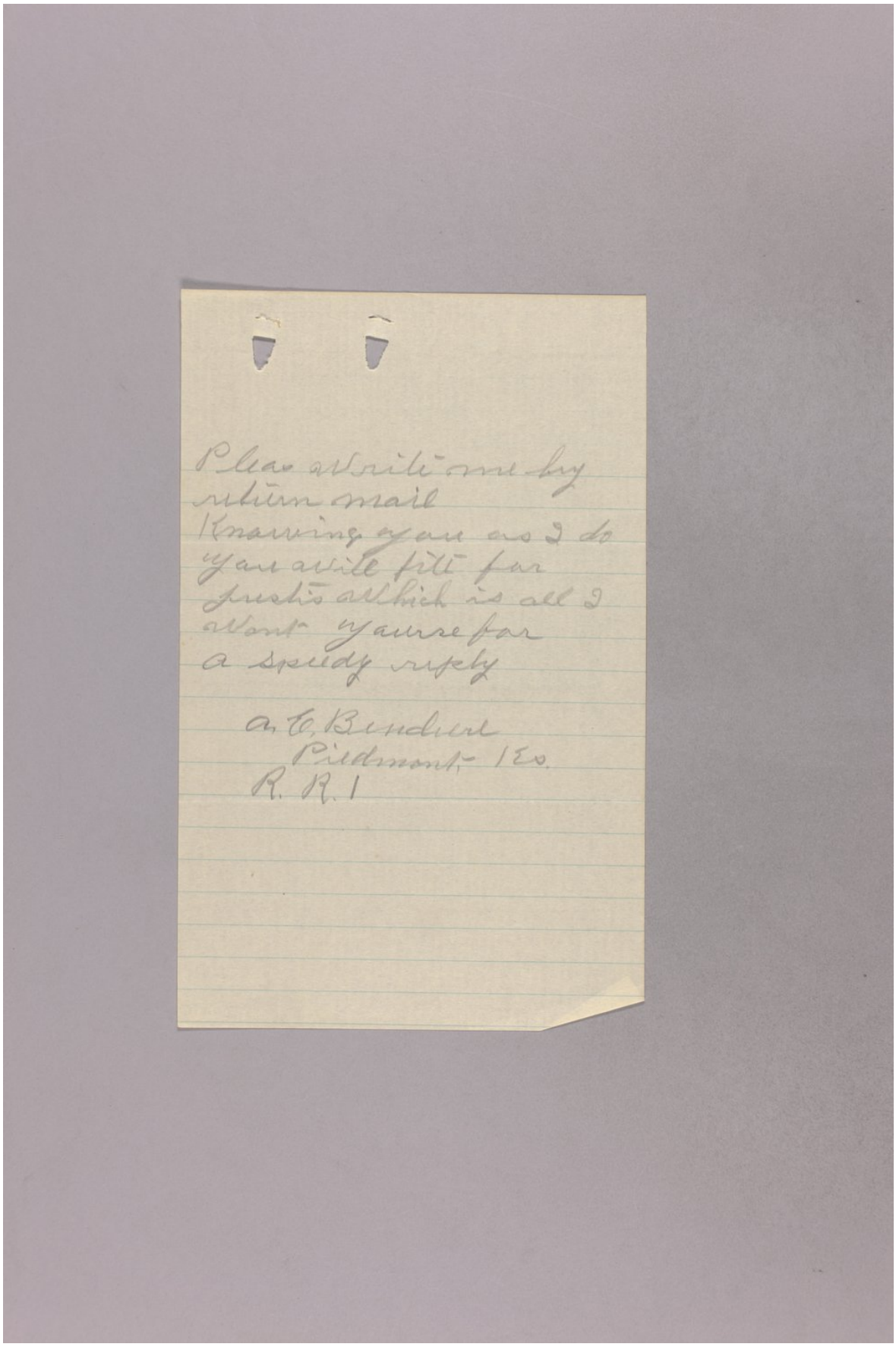
Parole Attorney.

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Piedmont Kas
May 28 – 1928
Mr Clide Reede
Dear sir
I Wood like to get your
to help me out. the
county officials have
Kidnaped my daughter
through a Plat of some
althes I am awaiting.
there next month I
Wood like to have
council redy I will
come up or wire you
when to come here there
is some land involved
on the Plat

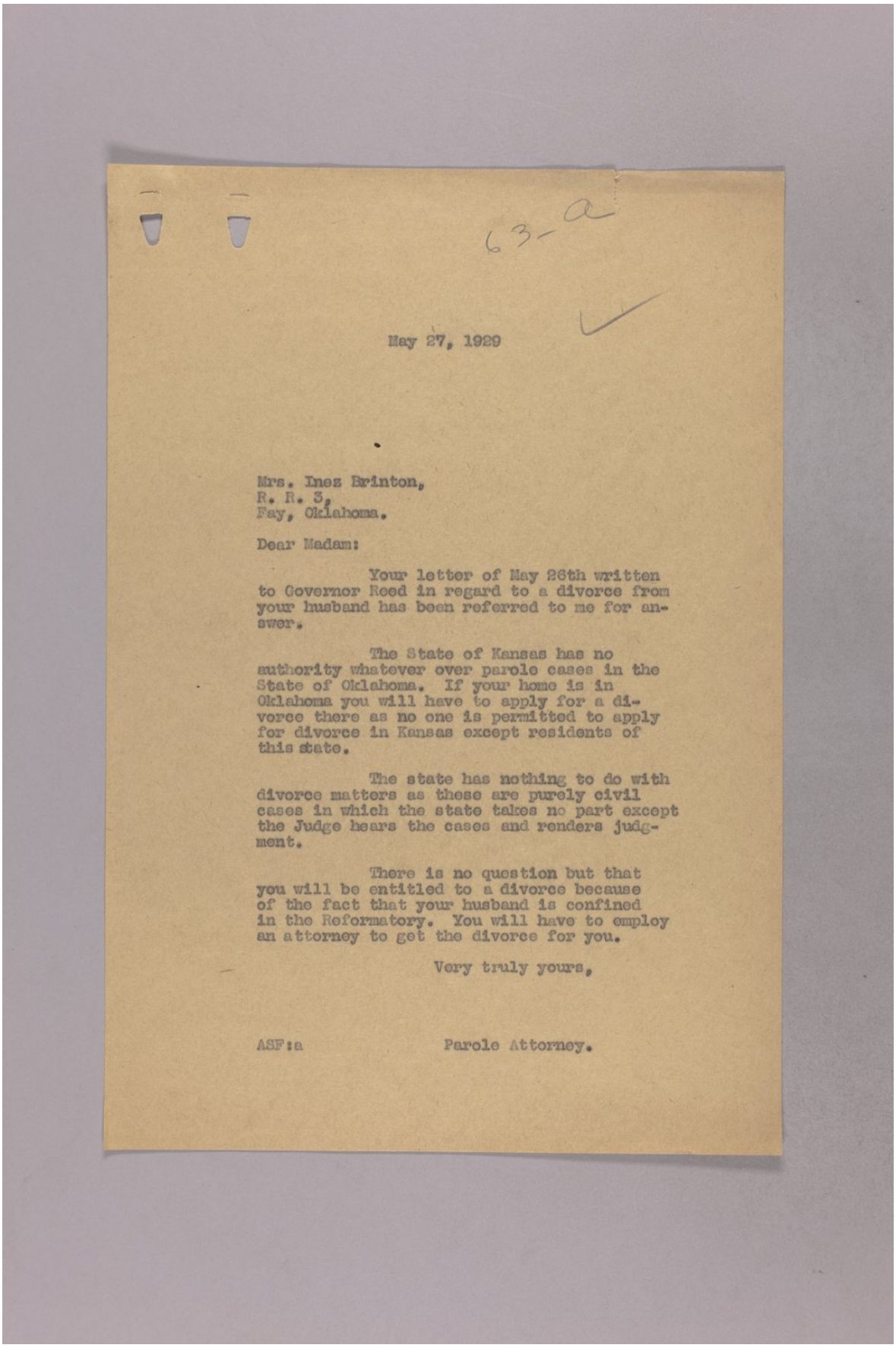
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Plea write me by
return mail
Knowing you as I do
you write fill for
justis allthich is all I
wont youse for
a speedy reply

a. C. Bundert
Piedmont Kas.
R. R. 1

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May 27, 1929

Mrs. Inez Brinton,
R. R. 3,
Fay, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 26th written to Governor Reed in regard to a divorce from your husband has been referred to me for answer.

The State of Kansas has no authority whatever over parole cases in the State of Oklahoma. If your home is in Oklahoma you will have to apply for a divorce there as no one is permitted to apply for divorce in Kansas except residents of this state.

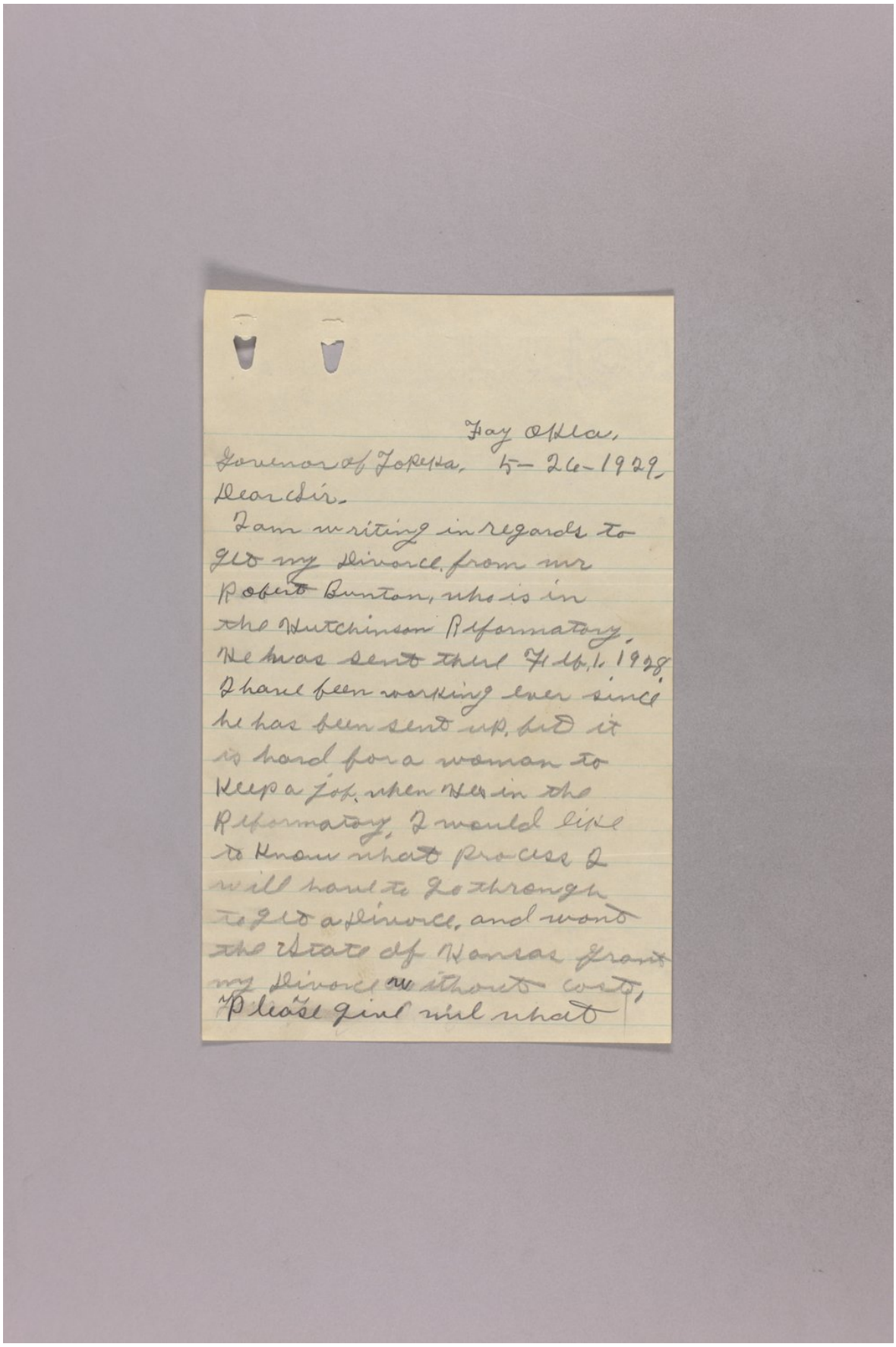
The state has nothing to do with divorce matters as these are purely civil cases in which the state takes no part except the Judge hears the cases and renders judgment.

There is no question but that you will be entitled to a divorce because of the fact that your husband is confined in the Reformatory. You will have to employ an attorney to get the divorce for you.

Very truly yours,

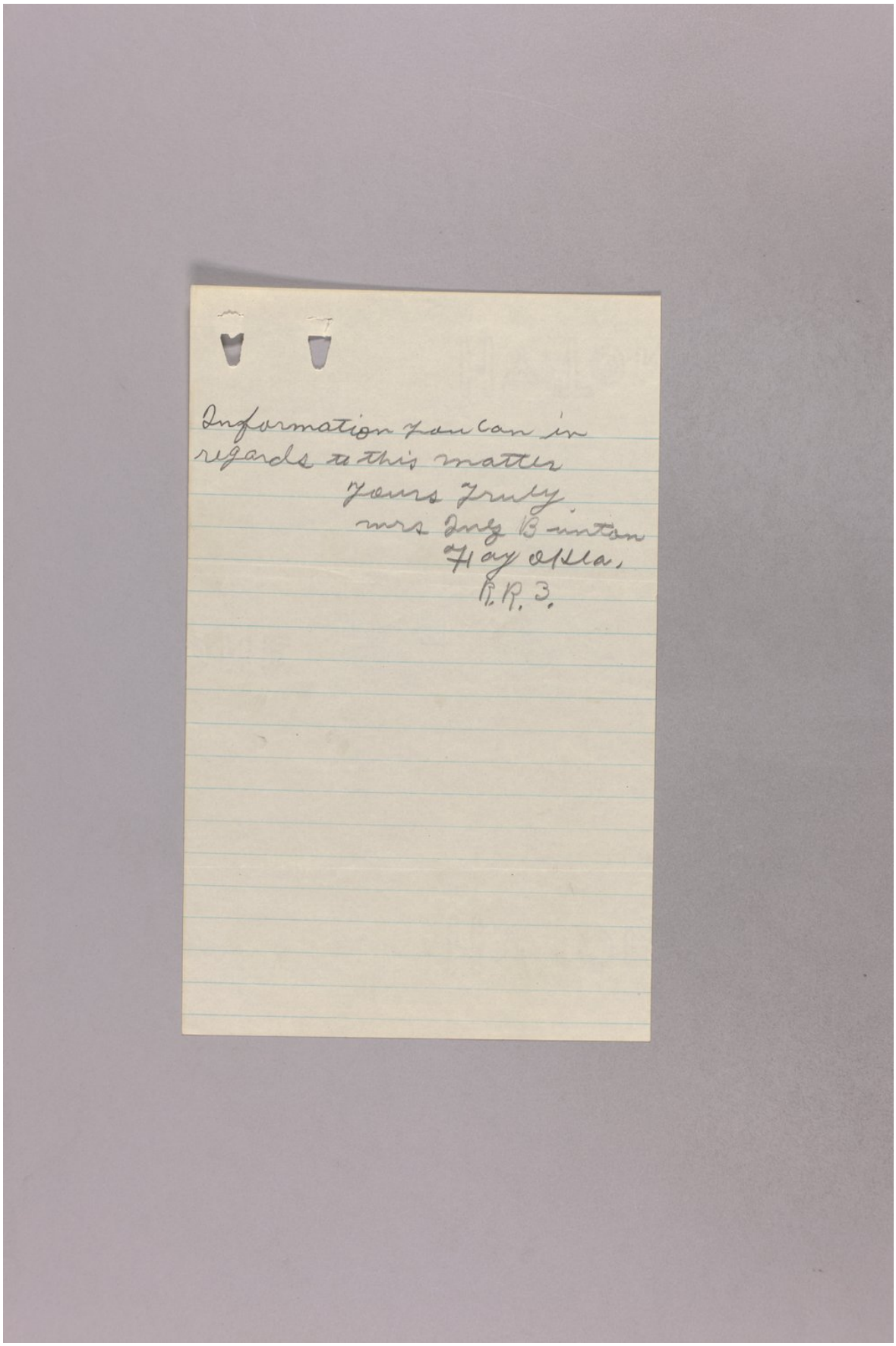
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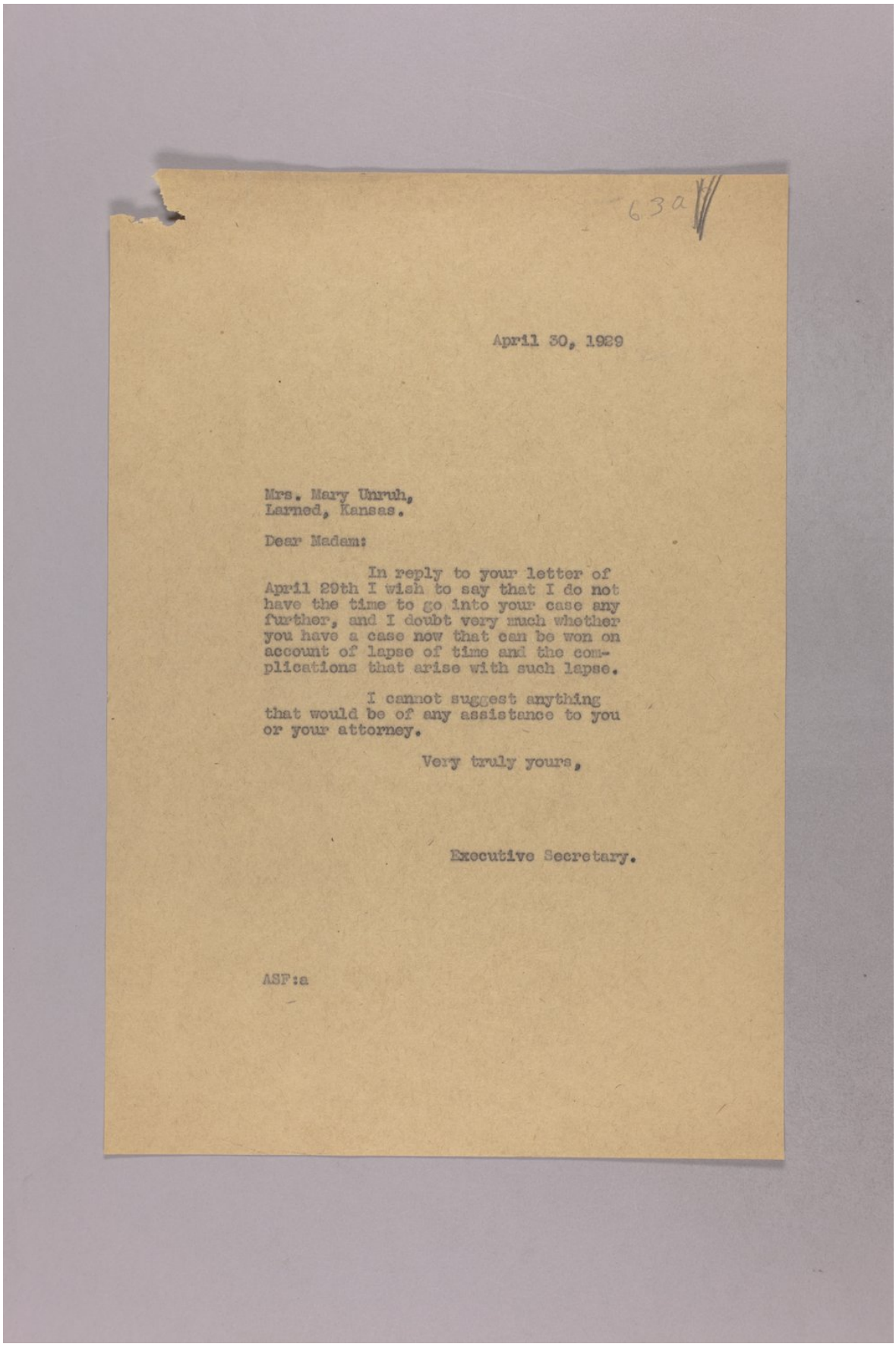


Jay Okla,
Governor of Topeka, 5-26-1929,
Dear Sir.
I am writing in regards to
get my divorce from mr
Robert Bunton, who is in
the Hutchinson Reformatory,
He was sent there Feb. 1. 1928.
I have been working ever since
he has been sent up, but it
is hard for a woman to
keep a job, when He in the
Reformatory, I would like
to know what Process I
will have to go through
to get a divorce, and wont
the State of Kansas grant
my divorce without costs,
Please give me what

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Information you can in
regards to this matter
Yours Truly.
mrs Indy Brinton
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R.R. 3.



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April 30, 1929

Mrs. Mary Unruh,
Larned, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

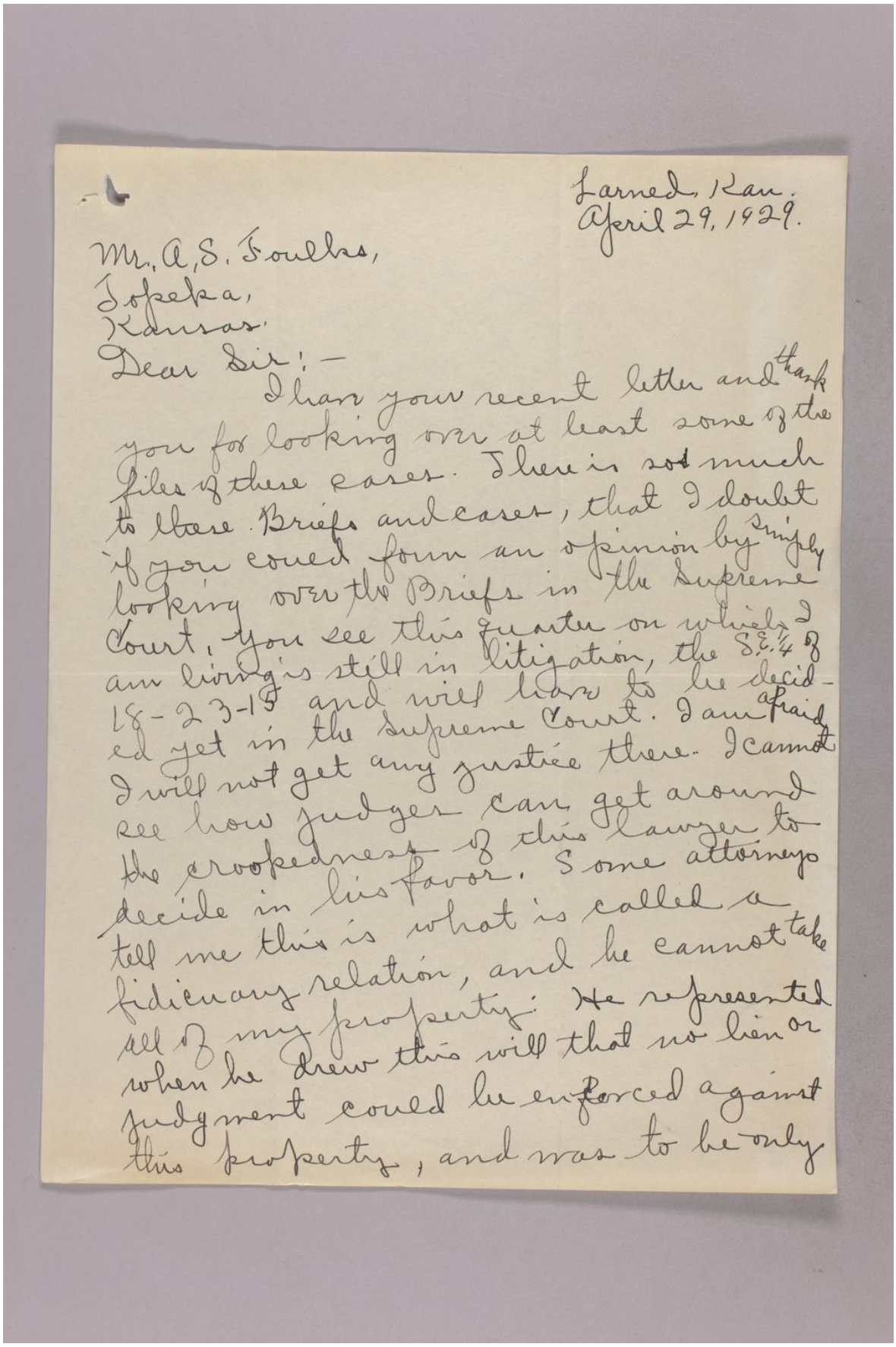
In reply to your letter of April 29th I wish to say that I do not have the time to go into your case any further, and I doubt very much whether you have a case now that can be won on account of lapse of time and the complications that arise with such lapse.

I cannot suggest anything that would be of any assistance to you or your attorney.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

ASF:a



Larned, Kan.
April 29, 1929.

Mr. A. S. Foulks,
Topeka,
Kansas.

Dear Sir:—

I have your recent letter and thank you for looking over at least some of the files of these cases. There is not much to these cases. Briefs and cases, that I doubt if you could form an opinion by simply looking over the Briefs in the Supreme Court. You see this quarter on which I am living is still in litigation, the S.E. 1/4 of 18-23-19 and will have to be decided yet in the Supreme Court. I am afraid I will not get any justice there. I cannot see how judges can get around the crookedness of this lawyer to decide in his favor. Some attorneys tell me this is what is called a fiduciary relation, and he cannot take all of my property. He represented when he drew this will that no lien or judgment could be enforced against this property, and was to be only